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At the Parliament

by prouocation holden at westminster the
last day of September, in the eyght yere of
the raigne of our soueraigne Lady Eli-
zabeth, by the grace of God, of England,
fraunce, and Irelande, Queene, de-
fendour of the fayth. &c. and there
continued to the ende and dis-
solution of the same: To
the hygh pleasure of
almightie God, &
the weale pu-
blique of
this
Realme, amongst other
were enacted
as folow-
eth.

Anno Christi. 1566.

by J. J. J.

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CAn Act declaryng the ma-
ner of making and consecratyng of the Arch-
bishops and Bishops of this Realme, to be
good, lawfull, and perfect.

¶ The first Chapter.



Orasmuche as diuers questions
by ouer much boldnes of speache and
talke, amonges manye of the com-
mon sorte of people, beyng vñlear-
ned, hath lately growen vppon the
making and consecratyng of Arch-
bishops and Bishops within this
Realme, whether the same were and
be duely and orderly done, accordyng
to the lawe, or not? which is muche
tendyng to the slaunder of all the
state of Cleargie, beyng one of the
greatest states of this Realme.

¶ Therefore for the auoydyng of such slaunderous speache, and to the
intent that euery man that is wyllyng to knowe the trueth, maye
playnely vnderstande that the same euill speache and talke is not
grounded vpon any iust matter or cause: it is thought conuenient
hereby, partly to touche suche aucthorities as doth alowe and ap-
proue the making and consecratyng of the same Archbishops and
Bishops to be duely and orderly done, accordyng to the lawes of
this Realme, and therbyon further to prouide for the more suertie
thereof, as hereafter shalbe expressed.

¶ first, it is very well knowne to all degrees of this Realme,
that the late kyng of mosse famous memorie kyng Henrye the
eyght, aswell by all the Cleargie then of this Realme, in their se-
uerall conuocations, as also by all the lordes spirituall and tempo-
rall, and commons assembled in diuers of his Parliamentes, was
iustly and ryghtfully recognized and knowledged to haue the su-
preme power, iurisdiction, order, rule, and aucthoritie ouer all the
state Ecclesiasticall of the same, and the same power, iurisdiction,
and aucthoritie dyd vse accordyngly: And that also the said late kyng
in the. xxb. yere of his raigne, dyd by aucthoritie of Parliament,
amonges other thynges, set forth a certayne order of the maner
and fourme howe Archbishops and Bishops within this Realme,

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and other his dominions, shoulde be elected and made, as by the same more playnely appeareth. And that also the late kyng of woz, thy memorie kyng Edward the sixt, dyd lawfully succede the saide late king Henry his father in the imperiall crowne of this Realme, and dyd iustly possesse and enioy all the same power, iurisdiction, and auctoritie before mentioned, as a thing to him descended with the same imperiall crowne, and so bled the same durynge his lyfe: And that also the sayde late kyng Edward the sixt, in his tyme, by auctoritie of Parliament, caused a godly and vertuous booke, entituled: The booke of Common prayer, and administration of Sacramentes, and other rites and ceremonies in the Church of Englande, to be made and set forth, not only for one vnifourme order of seruice, common prayer, and the administration of Sacramentes, to be bled within all this Realme, and other his dominions: but also dyd adde and put to the same booke a very good and godly order, of the maner and fourme how Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Ministers, shoulde from tyme to tyme be consecrated, made, and ordered, within this Realme and other his dominions, as by the same more playnely wyl and may appeare. And although in the tyme of the late Queene Mary, aswell the sayde acte and statute made in the xrb. yere of the raigne of the sayd late kyng Henry the eyght, as also the seuerall actes and statutes made in the second, thirde, fourth, fyfth, and sixth yeres of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Edward, for the auctorizynge and allowynge of the sayde booke of Common prayer, and other the premises, amonges diuers other actes and statutes, touchynge the sayde supreme auctoritie, were repelled: Yet neuerthelesse, at the Parliament holden at Westmynster in the first yere of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, by one other acte and statute there made, all suche iurisdiccions, priuileges, superiorities, and preheminences spirituall and ecclesiasticall, as by any spirituall or ecclesiasticall power or auctoritie, hath heretofore ben, or maye lawfully be bled ouer the ecclesiasticall estate of this Realme, and the order, reformation, and correction of the same, is fully and absolutely by the auctoritie of the same Parliament, vnited and annexed to the imperiall crowne of this Realme. And by the same acte and statute there is also geuen to the Queenes hyghnesse, her heyres & successours, Kynges or Queenes of this Realme, full power and auctoritie by letters patentes, vnder the great Seale of Englande, from tyme to tyme, to assigne, name, and auctorise such person or persons as he or they shall thynke meete and conuenient, to exercise, vse, occupie, and execute vnder her hyghnesse all maner of iurisdiccions, priuileges, preheminences, and auctorities, in any wyse touchynge or concernynge any spirituall or ecclesiasticall power

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power or iurisdiction within this Realme, or any other her hygh-
nelle dominions or countreys. And also by the same acte and sta-
tute, the sayde acte made in the xrb. yere of the raigne of the sayde
late kyng Henry the eyght, for the order and fourme of the electing
and makynge of the sayde archbishops and bishoppes, together with
diuers other statutes, touchyng the iurisdiction ouer the state eccle-
siasticall, is reuiued, and made in full force and effecte, as by the
same acte and statute more playnely appeareth. And that also by a-
nother acte and statute made in the sayde Parliament in the firste
yere of the raigne of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, entituled: An
acte for the vniformitie of Common prayer & seruice in the Church,
and administration of Sacramentes: the sayde booke of Common
prayer, and the administration of Sacramentes, and other the
sayde orders, rites, and ceremonies befoze mentioned, and all thin-
ges therein conteyned, with certayne additions therein newly added
and appoynted by the sayde statute, is fully stablyshed, and auctho-
rised to be vsed in all places within this Realme, and all other the
Queenes Maiesties dominions and countreys, as by the same acte
amonges other thynges more playnely appeareth. wherupon
our saide soueraigne Lady the Queenes most excellent maiestie, be-
ing most iustly and lawfully inuested in the imperial crowne of this
Realme, with all auctorities, preheminences and dignities there-
vnto appertaynyng: And thereby hauyng in her maiesties order
and disposition all the sayde iurisdiccions, powers, and auctho-
rities ouer the state ecclesiasticall and tempozall, as well in causes ec-
clesiasticall as tempozall, within this Realme and other her maie-
sties dominions and countreys, hath by her supreme auctoritie
at diuers tymes sythens the begynnyng of her maiesties raigne,
caused diuers and sundry graue and well learned men, to be duely
elected, made, and consecrated Archbishops and Bishops of di-
uers archbishopricks and bishopricks within this Realme, and o-
ther her maiesties dominions and countreys, accordyng to such or-
der and fourme, and with suche ceremonies in and about their con-
secrations, as were alowed and set forth by the sayde actes, sta-
tutes, and orders annexed to the sayde booke of common prayer be-
foze mentioned. And further, for the aduoyding of all ambiguities,
and questions that myght be objected agaynst the lawfull confirma-
tions, inuestyng, and consecrations of the sayd Archbishops and
Bishops, her hyghnes in her letters patentes vnder the great
seale of Englande, directed to any Archbishop, Bishop, or others,
for the confirmyng, inuestyng, and consecratyng of any person elec-
ted to the office or dignitie of any Archbyshop or Bishop, hath not
only vsed such wordes and sentences as were accustomed to be vsed
by the sayde late kyng Henry and kyng Edward, her maiesties fa-

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ther and brother, in their lyke letters patentes, made for such causes: but also hath vsed and put in her Maiesties sayde letters patentes, diuers other generall wordes and sentences, whereby her highnes by her supreme power and aucthoritie, hath dispensed with all causes or doubttes of any imperfection or disability that can or may in any wyse be objected agaynst the same, as by her Maiesties sayde letters patentes remaynyng of recorde more playnely wyll appeare. So that to all those that wyll well consider of the effecte and true entent of the sayde lawes and statutes, and of the supreme and absolute aucthoritie of the Queenes hyghnes, and whiche she by her Maiesties sayde letters patentes hath vsed and put in bre in and about the makynge and consecratyng of the sayde Archbishops and Bishops: it is and may be very euident and apparaunt, that no cause of scruple, ambiguitie, or doubt, can or may iustly be objected agaynst the sayde elections, confirmations, or consecrations, or any other materiall thyng, meete to be vsed or had in or about the same: but that every thing requisite and materiall for that purpose, hath ben made and done as precisely, and with as great a care and diligence, or rather more, as euer the lyke was done before her maiesties tyme, as by the recordes of her maiesties sayd father and brothers tyme, and also of her owne tyme, wyll more playnely testifie and declare.

wherefore, for the playne declaration of all the premysse, and to the entent that the same may the better be knowen to euery of the Queenes maiesties subiectes, whereby suche euill speache as heretofore hath ben vsed agaynst the sayde hygh state of prelacie, may hereafter cease: Be it nowe declared and enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde acte and statute made in the first yere of the raigne of our sayde Soueraigne Ladye the Queenes Maiestie, whereby the sayde booke of Comon prayer and the administration of Sacramentes, with other rites and ceremonies, is aucthorised and allowed to be vsed, shal stande and remayne good and perfect to all respectes and purposes: And that such order and fourme for the consecratyng of Archbishops and Bishops, & for the makynge of Priestes, Deacons, and Ministers, as was set forth in the tyme of the sayde late kynge Edward the sixth, and added to the said booke of Comon prayer, and aucthorised by parliament in the fifth and sixth yeres of the sayde late kynge, shal stande and be in full force and effect, and shal from henceforth be vsed and obserued in all places within this Realme, and other the Queenes maiesties dominions and countreys. And that all actes and thynges heretofore had, made, or done by any person or persons, in or about any consecration, confirmation, or inuestyng of any person or persons, elected to the office or dignitie of any Archbishop or Bishop within

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within this Realme, or within any other the Queenes maiesties dominions or countreys, by vertue of the Queenes maiesties letters patentes or commission, sithens the begynnynge of her maiesties raigne, be and shalbe by auctoritie of this present Parliament, declared, iudged, and deemed at and from euery of the seuerall times of the doyng therof, good and perfecte to all respectes and purposes: Any matter or thyng that can or maye be objected to the contrary therof, in any wyse notwithstanding. And that all persons that haue ben or shalbe made, ordered, or consecrate Archbishops, Bishoppes, Priestes, Ministers of Gods holy worde and sacramentes, or Deacons, after the fourme and order prescribed in the sayde order and fourme howe Archbishoppes, Bishoppes, Priestes, Deacons, and Ministers, shoulde be consecrated, made, and ordered, be in very deede and also by auctoritie hereof, declared and enacted to be and shalbe Archbishoppes, Bishoppes, Priestes, Ministers, and Deacons, and ryghtly made, ordered, and consecrated: Any statute, lawe, canon, or other thyng to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and neuerthelesse be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons shall at any tyme hereafter, be impeached or molested, in body, landes, luynges, or goodes, by occasion or meane of any certificat by any Archbishop or Bishop heretofore made, or before the last day of this present session of Parliament to be made, by vertue of any Act made in the first session of this present Parliament, touchyng or concernyng the refusall of the oth, declared and set forth by Act of Parliament in the first yere of the raigne of our sayde Soueraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth: Any thyng in this Act, or any other Act or statute heretofore made to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And that all tenders of the sayde oth, made by any Archbishop or Bishop aforesayde, or before the last day of this present session, to be made by auctoritie of any Act establyshed in the first session of this present Parliament, and all refusalles of the same othe so tendred, or before the laste daye of this present session to be tendred by any Archbishop or Bishop by auctoritie of any Act establyshed in the first session of this present Parliament: shalbe voyde and of none effect or validitie in the lawe.

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¶ An Acte whereby the defendaunt may
reouer his costes, beyng wrong-
fully vexed.

¶ The. ij. Chapter.



Here diuers persons of their
malicious myndes, and without any
iust cause, do many tymes cause and
procure others of the Queenes Ma-
iesties louyng subiectes, to be very
much molested and troubled, by at-
tachementes and arrestes, made of
theyr bodie, as well by processe of
Latitat, Alias and Plures capias, sued
out of the court commonly called the
kynge's benche, as also by playnt,
byll, or other suite in the court com-
monly called the Marshallay, and within the cite of London, and
other cities, townes corporate, and places where any libertie or
priuilege is to holde pleas of debt, trespassse, and other personall ac-
tions and suites: And when the parties that be arrested or atta-
ched are brought forth to aunswere to suche actions and suites
as shoulde be objected agaynst them, then many tymes there is no
declaration or matter layde agaynst the parties so arrested or atta-
ched, wherebnto they may make any aunswere: And so the partie
arrested, is very maliciously put to great charges & expences, with-
out any iust or reasonable cause. And yet neuerthelesse, hytherto, by
order of the lawe, the partie so greued and hared, coulde neuer haue
any costes or damages to hym to be iudged or awarded for the sayde
vniuertion and trouble.

For remedie whereof, be it enacted and ordeyned by the auctho-
ritie of this present Parliament, that when and as ofte as any per-
son or persons, after the first day of January next coming, shall sue
forth, or by any meane cause or procure to be sued forth of the said
court commonly called the kynge's benche, any of the writtes or pro-
cesse before mentioned, agaynst any person or persons whiche vpon
the same writ or writtes shall happen to be arrested, or whiche shall
appeare vpon the retorne of any the sayde writtes or processe, & shall
put in his or their bail or bailes, to answer such suite as shall be objec-
ted agaynst him, according to the comon order of the court, that then
in euery such case, if the partie or parties, at whose suite, meanes, or

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procurement the same writ, writtes, or processe was obteyned or sued for, do not within three dayes next after suth bayle hadde and taken, put into the same court his or their declaration agaynst the same partie or parties agaynst whom suche writtes or processe hath ben or shalbe sued, or yf after declaration had and put into the same court, the plaintiffe in such case shall not prosecute the same with effect, but shall wyllyngly and apparauntly to the same court suffer his or their sayde suite to be discontinued, or other wyse shalbe nonsuite in the same: That then in euery suche case, the iudges of the sayde court for the tyme beyng, shall by their discretions from tyme to tyme as they shall see or perceaue any such default to be in the partie or parties, at whose suite, meanes, or procurement such writtes or proces was sued for, awarde and iudge to euery suche person and persons, so arrested, bered, molested, or troubled by suche writtes or suite, his and their costes, damages and charges, by any meanes sustayned by occasiō of any such writtes, proces, arrestes, or suites, taken, sued, or had agaynst hym, to be payde by suche person or persons, that so doth or shall cause or procure any such writtes or processe to be sued for, as is aforesayde.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, shall after the last first daye of Januarye, cause or procure any other person or persons, to be attached or arrested to answer to any byll, playnt, action, or suite, in the sayde court of the Marshalsey, or in any court within the sayde citie of London, or in any citie, borough, towne corporate, or other place or places, where any libertie or priuiledge is vsed to holde plea, in any action or actions personall, and do not in all courtes, hauing theyr continuance *De die in diem*, within three dayes next after suche tyme as the partie defendaunt or defendantes shalbe bayled, or other wyse appeare in court, by force of any arrest or attachment hadde and returned, and in all other courtes at the nexte sessions or courte to be holden, after suche arrestes or attachments, and apparaunce of the partie defendaunt or defendantes, where as the sayde partie defendaunt or defendantes shalbe compelled or ought to appeare, vnlesse a further daye shalbe especially geuen, by the discretion of the court, from whence any precepte, processe, or attachment shalbe awarded, put and exhibite his byll or declaration agaynst suche person or persons as so by his suite and meanes shalbe attached, or arrested into suche courte, where the partie by suche attachment or arrest, is compelled or ought to appeare, or if any such person or persons at whose suite or meanes any suche attachment or arrest of any person or persons, shalbe so had and made, after his declaration,
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bill or playnt exhibited, do not from thencefoorth prosecute the same his suite with effect, or shall suffer the same to be discontinued, or shall after be nonsuite in the same, or wyllyngly and appa-
rauntly to the same court, shall for veration of the defendaunt in
such suite, delay the same suite: That then in euery suche case the
Judge or Judges of euery such court, before whom any person or
persons shall so be sued, molested, or troubled by occasion or meane
of any such attachement or arrest, or by suche suite or suites, shall
forthwith by his or their discretion, from tyme to tyme as he or they
shall see or perceaue any such default or delay in the partie that cau-
sed or procured any suche attachement or arrest to be had, awarde
and iudge to euery suche person or persons, whiche after the sayde
first day of January shall so be attached, arrested, molested, vexed,
or troubled, his costes, damages, and charges by any meanes su-
steyned by occasion of any such attachement, arrest, or suite so had
and taken agaynst hym, to be payde by such person or persons that
so doth or shall cause or procure any suche attachement or arrest to
be so had or made.

And yf any person or persons, at any tyme after the sayde firste
daye of January, shall by any waye or meane, maliciouslye or for
veration and trouble, cause or procure any other person or persons
to be arrested or attached, to aunswere in any the courtes or places
aforesayde, at the suite or in the name of any person or persons,
where in deed there is no suche person or persons knowen, or
without the assent, consent or agreement of suche person or per-
sons, at whose suite or in whose name suche arrest or attachement
is or shalbe so had and procured: that then euery suche person and
persons, that so shall cause or procure any suche arrest or attache-
ment of any other person or persons, to be had or made for veration
or trouble, as is aforesayde, and shall therof be convicted or lawfull-
lye accused, by inditement, presentment, or by the testimonie of
two sufficient witnesss or mo, or other due prose, shall for euery
such offence by hym or them committed, done, or procured, haue and
suffer imprisonment of his or their body or bodyes, by the space of
sixe monethes, without bayle or maynepryse: And before he or they
shalbe deliuered out of pryson, shall paye vnto the partie or parties
so arrested or attached by his or their meanes or procurement, tre-
ble the costes, charges, damages, and expences that he or they
shalbe put vnto by reason or occasion of suche arrest or attache-
ment so had, and shall also forsayte and paye vnto such person or
persons, in whose name or at whose suite he or they shall so pro-
cure suche arrest or attachement to be hadde or made, yf then there
shalbe any suche person knowen, the summe of tenne poundes for
euery suche offence.

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And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that euery person and persons to whom any costes, charges, damages, forsayture, or payment of any summe or summes of money, by aucthoritie of this Acte shalbe awarded, iudged, or forsayted, shall and may at all tymes hereafter, haue his or their remedye for the recouerye therof, by action of debt, byll, or playnt, in any court of recorde, agaynst such person or persons, their heires, executours, or administratours, as shoulde or ought to pay the same by vertue or force of this Act: in which action, byll, or playnt, no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed to any the defendaunt or defendantes in the same.

An acte agaynst carrying ouer Sea, Rammes,
Lambes, and other Sheepe, alyue.

¶ The.iiij. Chapter.



Or sundry good causes and considerations moued in this hygh court of Parliament, be it enacted by the aucthoritie of the same, that no maner of person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condition soeuer he or they be, shall after the last day of february next ensuyng, bring, deliuer, sende, receaue, or take, or procure to be brought, delyuered, sent, or receaued into any Shippe or Borthome, any Rammes, Sheepe, or Lambes, or any maner of other kynde of Sheepe, beyng alyue, to be carped and conueyed out of this Realme of Englande, wales, or Irelande, or out of any the Queenes hyghnes dominions, vppon the payne that euery such person and persons, their ayders, abbetours, procurers, and comfourtors, shall for his or their first offence or offences, so done contrary to the true meanyng of this estatute, forsayte and lose all his goodes for euer: whereof the one moitie shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, the other moitie to hym or them that wyl sue for the same in any court of Recorde, wherein no essoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe for the defendaunt shalbe admitted or allowed. And further, euery suche offender or offenders shall suffer imprisonment by the space of one whole yere, without bayle or maynpryse: and at the yerres

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peres ende, shall in some open market towne, in the fulnesse of the market, on the market day, haue his left hande cut of, and that to be nayled vp in the openest place of suche market. And that euery person or persons estsoones offendyng agaynst this statute, shalbe adiudged a felon, and shall suffer death, as in cases of felonie.

Provided alwayes, that this Act shall not extende to any corruption of blood, or be prejudicial or hurtfull to any woman claymyng dowrye by or from any such offender or offenders: Any thyng in this Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the Justices of Oyer and terminer, Justices of gaole deliuey, and Justices of peace, in euery countie and shyre within this Realme of England and waales, and other the Queenes maiesties dominions, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this Act, to enquire of euery offender and offenders contrarpe to the fourme and effect of this Act, and to heare and determine euery offence and offences, committed, perpetrated, and done contrary to the fourme & effecte of the same, accoording to the course of the lawes of this Realme.

An Act to take away the benefite of Cleargie from certayne felonious offenders.

¶ The. iiii. Chapter.



Here a certayne kynde of euill disposed persons, commonly called Cutpurses, or Pickpurses, but in deede by the lawes of this lande very felons and theetues, do confeder togethers, making among them selues, as it were, a brotherhod or fraternitie of an art or miserie, to lyue ydellpe by the secrete spoyle of the good and true subiectes of this Realme. And aswell at Sermons and preachynges of the worde of GOD, and in places and tyme of doying Seruice and common prayer in Churches, Chappelles, Closettes, and Oratories: And not onely there, but also in the Princes palace, house, yea and presence, and at the places
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and courtes of iustice, & at the tymes of ministracion of the lawes in the same, and in faires, Markets, & other assemblies of people: Yea, and at the tyme of doyng of execution of such as ben attaynted of any murder, felonye, or other criminall cause, ordeined chiefly for terrour & example of euyl doers, do without respect or regard of any time, place, or person, or of any feare or dreade of god, or any law or punishment, vnder the cloke of honestie, by their outward apparel, countenance, and behauiour, subtilie, priuillie, craftilie, and feloniously, take the goodes of diuers good & honest subiectes, from their persons, by cutting & picking their purses, & other felonious slaughtes and deuices, to the vtter vndoing and impouerishment of many.

Be it therefore enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that no person or persons, whiche hereafter shall happen to be indited or appealed for felonious taking of any money, goodes, or cattels, from the person of any other, priuily without his knowledge, in any place whatsoeuer, and therupon founde gyltie by verdict of twelue men, or shall confesse the same vpon his or their arraignment, or wil not aunswere directly to the same, according to the lawes of this Realme, or shall stande wilfully, or of malice, or obstinately muet, or challenge peremptorie aboute the number of twentie, or shall be vpon such inditement or appeale outlawed, shall from hencefoorth be admitted to haue the benefite of his or theyr cleargie, but vtterly be excluded thereof, and shall suffer death, in suche maner and fourme, as they shoulde yf they were no Clerkes.

And where also as diuers persons done oft tymes commit and do diuers and sundry detestable murders, heynous robberies and felonies, and other capitall offences, for the which cleargie is not allowable by the lawes and statutes of this Realme, and after the same offences so done, either flee out of the Countie or other partes of this Realme, into the partes beyond the seas, or kepe themselves secrete in other places, where they are not knowne for a great tyme, and after happen to commit some other felonie, for the which they may haue their Cleargie, and beyng arraigned for the same, haue theyr Cleargie to them allowed, and therupon committed to the custody of the ordinarie, according to the lawe and custome of this Realme, the former offence wherein Cleargie is not grauntable beyng not the knowen, & so by that meanes can not after be impeached for the sayde other horrible and great offences by the law & custome of this Realme, to the great encouraging of offendours, vsing such practises, of foreknowledge & set purpose, for their discharge of the same.

For reformation wherof, be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that euery person and persons, which shall hereafter vpon his and theyr arraignment for any felonie, be admitted to the benefite of his Cleargie, by the lawes of this Realme, and deliuered to

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the ordinarie for the same, and shall make his due purgation for the same offence or offences, wherebpon he was so admitted to his Cleargie, and shall before the same admission to his Cleargie haue committed any other such offence wherebpon Cleargie by the lawes or statutes of this Realme is not allowable, and not being thereof before indited, and acquitted, convicted, or attained, or pardoned, shall and may be indited or appealed for the same, and therebpon put to answer, and ordered, & bled in all things according to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, in such and lyke maner and fourme as though no such admission of Cleargie had ben: Any lawe, custome, or vsage to the contrary, notwithstanding.

☞ An Acte for thabridgment of appeales in suites of Ciuile and Marine causes.

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Or the auoyding aswel of long and tedious suites, as also of great charges & expences in prosecuting of Ciuile and Marine causes, by reason of diuers appeales permitted to be made by order of the lawes ciuill in suche causes, and to thintent that aswell straungers, as also others the subjects of this Realme, that shall haue cause of suite in those matters, may haue such expedition in the same, as their natures and qualities do require:

Be it enacted by the Queenes Maiestie our Soueraigne Lady, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the authoritie of the same, that from the last day of this present session of Parliament, all and every such iudgement and sentence diffinitive, as shall be geuen or pronounced in any ciuile and marine cause, vpon appeale lawfully to be made therein to the Queenes Maiestie in her highnes Court of Chauncery, by such commissioners or delegates as shall be nominated and appoynted by her Maiestie, her heyres or successours, by commission vnder the halfe seale, as it hath ben heretofore bled, in such cases, shall be finall, and no further appeale to be had or made from the sayd iudgement or sentence diffinitive, or fro the sayd Commissioners or delegates, for or in the same: Any law, vsage, or custome, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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An Acte touchyng Clothworkers, and
Clothes redy wrought, to be
shypped ouer the Sea.

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Or the better employment
and reliefe of great multitudes of
the Queenes Maiesties subiectes,
vsing the arte and labour of clothe-
working, it may please the Queenes
most excellent Maiestie, at the most
humble suite of her sayde subiectes,
that it be enacted.

And be it enacted by aucthoritie
of this present Parliament, that
from hencefoorth for euery nyne
Clothes bñwrought, hereafter to be
shypped or caried into any the partes beyonde the Seas, contrary
to the fourme of any Statute heretofore made, and nowe remay-
nyng in strength, by force of any licence hereafter to be graunted,
the partie that shall shyppe or carry ouer the same, shall shyppe and
carry ouer also one lyke woollen Cloth, of lyke sorte, length, breadth,
and goodnes, redy wrought and dresled, that is to say, rowed, bar-
bed, fyft coursed and thorne from the one ende to the other, so that
euery tenth Cloth passyng ouer the Seas, in fourme aforesayde,
may and shall be dresled within this Realme, before the same shalbe
shypped or transported ouer, vpon payne to forsayte for euery such
nyne Clothes so to be shypped or transported, contrary to the mea-
nyng of this Acte, tenne poundes.

Provided alway, that euery suche tenth Clothe, so to be trans-
ported redy wrought, shall not be accompted any of the Clothes,
permitted to be transported by force of suche licence, but that suche
person as shall haue such licence, may transport, accordyng to suche
licence, the full number of Clothes bñwrought, mentioned in the
same licence, ouer and aboue the number of suche tenth Clothes,
whiche they shalbe compelled to shyppe and carry ouer by force of
this statute.

And be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that from
the last day of february now next commyng, no person shall shyppe
or carry into the partes beyond the seas, contrary to the fourme of
any statute heretofore made, nowe remaynyng in force, any Cloth,

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commonly called Kentyſhe Cloth, or Suffolke Cloth, made, or to be made in the counties of Kent or Suffolke, bñwrought and bñdressed within this Realme, that is to ſay, not rowed, barbed, fiſt courſed, and ſhorne, upon payne to forſayte for every ſuch Cloth, commonly called Kentyſhe or Suffolke Cloth, made, or to be made in either of the ſayd counties, ſo to be ſhypped or tranſported, contrary to the fourme of this ſtatute, ſoortie ſhyllinges.

And that no licence for tranſporting of any cloth or clothes, ſhal be conſtrued or expounded, to extende to any ſuch Kentyſhe or Suffolke cloth, made, or to be made, in eyther of the ſayde counties, to be from henceforth tranſported. And that all the forſaytures appointed by this ſtatute, for tranſporting of Clothes, ſhalbe, the one halfe to the Quenes Maieſtie, her heires, a ſucceſſours, the other moitte, to the Maſter and Wardens of the ſayd company of Clothworkers, to the reliefe of the poore of the ſayd company, to be recovered in any court of Recorde, by action of debt, bill, playnt, or information, wherein no eſſoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe, for the defendaunt ſhalbe admitted or allowed.

An Acte touchyng Drapers, Cottoners, and Fryzers, in the Towne of Shrewſbury.

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Orasmuche as in the Towne of Shrewſbury in the Countie of Salop, there hath ben, tyme out of minde of man, and yet is, a company fraternitie, or gylde, of the art and miſterie of Drapers, which ſaide companie, fraternitie, or gylde, hath ben by a great tyme lawfully incorporated, and made a bodie politicke: which ſaid corporation and fraternitie, hath by reaſon of a certain trade and occupation of bying and ſellyng of welſhe Cloth and Lynyng, commonly called Cottoners, Fryzes, and Playnes, whiche they haue had and uſed amongeſt them, ben able not onely to lyue thereby, but alſo haue at theſe common coſſes, provided houſes and other neceſſ

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necessaries for poore people within the said Towne of Shrewsburye, whom also with further reliefe they do weekely helpe and maintayne: And by the same their trade aforesayde, haue bled most commonly to set on worke, aboue fire hundred persons, of the arte or science of Shermen or fryzers, within the said Towne of Shrewsbury, whereby aswell they, as their poore wyues and families, are wholly maintayned and kept. To the impeachement and hinderance of whiche sayde trade, diuers artificers and other persons within the sayde Towne of Shrewsburye, not being of the sayde companie or misterie, nor brought by in the vse of the sayde trade, haue of late with great disorder, bpon a meere couetous desire and mynde, intromitted with, and occupied the sayde trade of bying of welthe cloth or lynyng, hauyng no knowledge, experience, or skill, in the same. By reason whereof, the sayd ignorant and unskyllfull persons, haue and do bye commonly and dayly such welthe clothe and lynyng, as is defectiue, and not truly made, accordyng to the good lawes and statutes of this Realme in that behalfe prouided. By meanes whereof, the sayde trade is greatly decayed and discredited, to the great losse and hinderance of suche poore Shermen and fryzers, as were wont to be set on worke thereby, and of all others that were wont to be maintayned, and relieved by the sayd trade, aswell in makyng, as workyng of the sayde fryzes, Cottons, and Playnes, and to the great deceit, damage, and hinderance of all the Queenes Maiesties subiectes, that bye and prouide the same, and to the slander and discredite of the saide commodities in forren partes, where, by the occasion aforesayde, they are growen out of estimation and credite. And where moreouer in the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the fourth and fyfth yeres of the raigne of our late Soueraigne Lorde and Lady King Philip and Queene Marie, bypon good and deliberate aduise, amongst other thinges, it was enacted, that no person nor persons, which shoulde bye to sell agayne, by waye of retayle or otherwyse, any of the sayde welthe lynyngs, shoulde dresse or worke, or cause to be dresed and wrought, within his or their dwelllyng house or houses, or in any other place, by hymselfe, or his seruauant, any of the sayd welthe lynynges: but shoulde put the same to some such person or persons, as shoulde be of the art or science of Shermen, Cottoners, or fryzers, to be by them wrought and dresed, bpon payne of forfaiture for euery welthe Cloth or Lynyng, fryzed or cottoned to the contrarye, fye shillings and eyght pence, as in the same Act doth appeare. Sithens which tyme, diuers persons, for the defraudyng of the said statute, haue caused others to bye the sayde fryzes, Cottons, and Playnes, and then to take the workmanshpye thereof unto themselves, of such byers: vsyng the lyke fraude, by bying, and turnyng

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woꝛke utter vnto the same persons, of whom they receaue woꝛke, to the manifest defrauding of the good entent and meanyng of the sayde statute.

foꝛ remedy wherof, & foꝛ the benefite and reliefe of the pooꝛe men that be Shermen and fryꝛers: Be it enacted by aucthoꝛitie of this present Parliament, that from and after the feast of Easter next ensuing, no maner person oꝛ persons, whatsoeuer, inhabiting & dwelling within the sayde Towne of Shrewsburye, oꝛ the liberties and franchises of the same Towne, other then such as haue, oꝛ shal haue serued as apprentices in the sayd occupation & science of Drapers, oꝛ be, oꝛ shalbe free of the sayde science oꝛ miserie, shal occupie, vse, exercise, oꝛ frequent the sayd trade, arte, miserie oꝛ science of bying of the sayd welthe Cloth oꝛ Lining, Cottons, fryꝛes, and Playnes, noꝛ haue any factour oꝛ dper foꝛ hym oꝛ them in the same, noꝛ by any colour, engin, oꝛ fraude, be any occupper of the sayde fryꝛes, Cottons, and Playnes, vpon payne that euery person & persons inhabiting as is aforesaide, and occuppyng, vsing, oꝛ exercysyng the sayde trade, occupation, oꝛ science of bying of welthe Cloth & Lining, and not aucthoꝛised by this present Act, shal lose and forsayte foꝛ euery peece of the same Clothes so bought, *vi. s. viii. d.*


And ouer that, be it further enacted, that no person, dwelling & inhabytynge, as is aforesaide, & vsyng oꝛ occuppyng the sayde trade of bying of fryꝛes, Cottons, oꝛ playnes, shal vse oꝛ exercise the facultie of fryzyng oꝛ cottonyng, vppon payne to incurre such lyke forfeitures foꝛ euery offence, as is aboue mentioned. The moſtie of all which paynes & forfeitures aboue mentioned, shalbe to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heires, & successours, & the other moſtie to such person and persons as wyl sue foꝛ the same in any court of recorde, by action, byll, oꝛ playnt of debt, wherein no protection, essoigne, iniunction, oꝛ wager of lawe shalbe allowed and admitted.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoꝛitie aforesaide, that this present Acte, oꝛ any thyng, sentence, oꝛ matter therein conteyned, shal not extende oꝛ be in any wyle preiudiciall oꝛ hurtfull, to any such person oꝛ persons, as haue heretofore vled, occupied, oꝛ frequented the said trade, arte, miserie, oꝛ science of bying oꝛ sellyng of welthe Clothes and Linings aforesaid: but that euery such person and persons, which hath oꝛ haue vled the said trade oꝛ science, as is aforesaid, shal and may haue and enioy the lyke benefite, commoditie, and aduantage, as well in bying and sellyng the sayd welthe Clothes and Lynynges, as other wyle, in as large, free, and ample maner and fourme, as yf this Acte had neuer ben made.

And further, to thintent the sayde pooꝛe Shermen, fryꝛers, and Cottoners, may be the better relieved & maintayned, be it enacted by the aucthoꝛitie aforesaide, that all and euery person and persons, occuppyng

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occupying and vsing, or whiche hereafter at any tyme shall occupie
or vse the sayde trade, science, or arte of bying and selleng of welthe
Cloth and Lyncinges aforesayde, and shall from the feast of Easter
next ensuyng, deliuer any welthe Cloth or Lyncinges aforesayde, to
be cottoned, fryzed, dressed, or wrought, to any Sherman, Cottoner,
or Fryzer, shall deliuer, content, and pay to the said Sherman, Cot-
toner, or Fryzer, redye and present money for all his saide worke,
without any colour, fraude, or engine whatsoever, and shall not de-
liuer any ware or other thyng whatsoever, in contentation or satis-
faction of his sayd worke, or any part thereof, upon payne that every
person offending in this behalfe, shall forthwith lose all such liber-
ties, freedoms, and priuileges, which he hath or shall haue, as one
of the sayde compaignie, fraternitie, and gilde, of the sayde art and
miserie of Drapers, and also shall for euer after be utterly disabled
and excluded to vse, occupie, or enioye, by hym selfe, or by any other
for hym, or to his vse, the sayde trade, art, miserie, or science of by-
ing or selleng of welthe Clothes or Lyncinges: This Acte, or any
other matter or thyng whatsoever to the contrarie, in any wyse
notwithstanding.

 An Acte for the Repeale of a braunche of
a statute made. 32. H. 8. for the stature of
Horses within the Isle of Ely, and other
places confynyng thervnto.

The. viij. Chapter.



Here at a Parliament holden at
westminster, the. xxxii. yere of the raigne
of the moste victorious Prince of famous
memorie Kyng Henry the eyght, moste
deare father vnto the Queenes excellent
hghnesse our Soueraigne Ladye that
nowe is, amonges other thinges it was
ordeyned, established, and enacted, by the
said late king, with thassent of the Lords
spirituall & temporall, & the commons of
the same Parliament assembled, for the
increase & breede of greater & stronger Horses fro thence after to be
had, within this Realm of Englad: that no Comoner or Comoners
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within any forest, Chace, Moe, Maryshe, Heath, Common, or waste grounde, nor any officer or officers, of, or within any of the sayde Forrestes or Chaces, nor any other person or persons, whatsoeuer he or they be, at any time after the last day of Marche, whiche shoulde be in the yere of our Lord God. M. D. xliii. then next folowynge the Session of the same, shoulde haue or put to pasture, into or vppon any such ground, forest, Chace, Moe, Maryshe, Heath, Common, or waste ground, any stoned Horse or Horses, beyng aboue the age of two yeres, and not being of the altitude and heygth of fyfteen handfull, to be measured from the lowest part of the hofe, vnto the higher parte of the wyther, and euery handfull to conteyne foure ynches of the Standerd, to pasture, feede, or to be noryshed in or vppon any of the sayd forestes, Chaces, Commons, Moes, Maryshes, Heathes, or waste groundes, within any of the Shires or Territories of Norffolke, Suffolke, Cambridge, Buckingham, Huntington, Essex, Kent, Southampton, Northwylshire, Oxforde, Bark, Worcester, Gloucester, Somerset, Northwales, Southwales, Bedforde, Warwiche, Northampton, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Stafford, the countie of the Citie of Yorke, the Towne and liberties of Gloucester, the Countie of the Towne of Ryngston vppon Hull, the Countie Palantine of Lancaster, the Countie of Sallop, Leicesster, Hereforde, & Lyncolne, or within any of them, nor shall put to feede or pasture any stoned Horse or Horses beyng aboue the sayde age of two yeres, & not beyng in height of, xiiii. handfull, to be measured as is abouesayde, within or vppon any lyke grounde or groundes, as ben aboue wyrtten, lying or beyng within any other Shire of this Realme, neyther yet any of them, vpon payne of forfayture and losse of the sayde Horse or Horses, whiche shoulde be founde in or vppon any suche Grounde, forest, Chace, Moe, Maryshe, Heath, Common, or waste ground, at any time after the sayde laste day of Marche, whiche was in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. xliii. contrary to the fourme of the sayde late estatute, and further, as by the sayde estatute more fullye and at large may appeare. By reason whereof, and since whiche tyme, diuers and sundrye great and manyfolde hurtes, hinderances, and losses hath happened and chaunced, as well to the inhabitauntes of the Moes, Maryshes, & fenne groundes, within the Isle of Ely, scituate, lying and beyng in the sayde Countie of Cambridge, as also to the inhabitauntes of other the Moes, Maryshes, and fenne groundes within the said Shire, togethers with the Counties of Huntington, Northampton, Lyncolne, Norffolke and Suffolke, next adioyning and bordering vppon the same Ile: for that the sayde Moes, Maryshes, and fenne groundes, because of their rottennesse, vnfirmnesse, moysture, and waterynesse, were neuer able, ne yet are, to breade, beare, or bring forth

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foorth such great breede of stoned Horses, of such bignesse and height of stature, as within thasayde statute are expessed, without daunger and perill of the murthering, drowning, and perishing of the same. Whereupon many promoters, taking occasion by reason of thasayde statute, haue aswell entred into the sayde Ile, as also other the Moores, Marshes, and fenne grounds, in al the countrey next bordering and ioyning vnto the same, and taken awaye, by vertue and puruey of the sayde statute, from diuers poore men, not being able otherwise to remedie the same, thei horse, not being comparable of lyke stature to the sayd statute, aswell to the great losse and hinderaunce of all the breede of Horses there, no man daring to put any suche foorth on the sayde groundes, for feare of suche persons: as also to the bitter subuersion and decaye of all the tillage and carriage within the sayde Ile, and others the countreys round about the same, in time to come.

For reformation and redresse wherof, be it enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, the Lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same: That as much of thasayde statute, made in the sayde. xxii. yere of King Henry the eyght, or yet any part, braunch, or article, or any parcell thereof, touchyng or concernyng any the Marshes and seggie fenne grounds within the said Ile, situate, lying and being in the sayde countie of Cambridge, togethers with all others the Marshes and seggie fenne groundes, within the sayd Shires of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norfolke, and Suffolke, shall be from henceforth utterly repealed, frustrate, voyde, and of none effecte in the lawe: Any thyng in the sayde former acte expessed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Neuerthelesse, be it ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that no person or persons whatsoever he or they be, at any tyme after the last day of March next comming, shall haue or put to pasture into or vpon any Marsh or seggie fenne ground within the sayde Ile of Ely, or into or vpon any Marsh or seggie fenne grounds within the said counties of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norfolke & Suffolke, or any of them, any stoned Horse or Horses, being aboue thage of two yeres, and not being of the altitude and height of, iiii. handfull, to be measured from the lowest parte of the hooft of the forefoote, vnto the higher part of the wither, & every handfull to conteyne, iiii. ynches of the standerd, to pasture, feede, or to be nourished, in or vpon anye the said Marshes, or seggie fenne groundes, within the said Ile, & within the sayde counties of Cambridge, Huntington, Northampton, Lincolne, Norfolke and Suffolke, or any of them, vpon such & the lyke payne, as by the sayde former Acte is limited and expessed.

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**An Acte to repeale a braunche of a statute,
made in An. 23. H. 8. thouchyng the
pryces of Barrels and Kilderkins.**

The .ix. Chapter.



N theyr moſte humble wyſe,
ſhe wen vnto the Queenes moſt excellent
Maieſtie, and vnto the Lordes ſpirituall
and tempozal, and vnto the commons in
this preſent Parliament aſſembled: the
Cowpers of the Citie of London, and of
al other Citieſ and Townes within this
Realme of England, that where in the
Parliament holden by prorogation at
Weſtmiſter, the. xv. daye of Januarie, in
the. xxiij. yere of the raigne of the late
Kynge of famous memorie Kynge Henry the eyght, father to our
ſayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes hyghnes that nowe is, there
was one Statute made and enacted, entituled: An Acte, that no
Brewers of Beere oꝝ Ale, ſhall make theſe Barrels, Kilderkins, noꝝ
ſpyrkyns within them, and howe muche the ſame Barrels, Kilder-
king and ſpyrkyns ſhall conteyne. In which ſtatute, amongſt other
thynges therein conteyned, it is enacted, that no artiſicer of the
Cowpers, ſhall enhaunce the pryces of any ſuche Barrels, Kilder-
kins, ſpyrkyns, oꝝ other beſſels, in the ſale of them, to any Ale brewer,
oꝝ Beere brewer, oꝝ other perſon, as in the ſaide Acte are mentio-
ned, but ſhould kepe the rates of ſuche pryces, as in the ſame Acte
are expreſſed, and not aboue, vppon payne to forſaite for euery Bar-
rell, Kilderkin, and ſpyrkyn, defectiue oꝝ enhaunced in pryce, in any
poynte contrarie to the ſayde Acte. iij. s. iiii. d. (That is to ſaye) for
euery Beere Barrell. ix. d. for euery Beere Kilderkin. v. d. and for
euery beere ſpyrkyn. iij. d. And the ale barrell, xvi. d. the ale kilderkin
ix. d. and the ale ſpyrkyn. v. d. as by the ſame Acte, amongſt diuers
other thynges therein conteyned, moze fully and at large doth and
maye appeare. Since whiche time, the Cloueboorde and ſuſſe wher-
of the ſayde beſſels and the hoopes thereof ſhoulde be made, are ry-
ſen and growen to ſuche exceſſiue pryces, that ſuche as do make the
ſayde beſſels, can not make and ſell any ſuche Barrels, Kilderkins,
ſpyrkyns, oꝝ other beſſels, at the pryces expreſſed in the ſaid eſtatute,
but to theſe great loſſe and hinderauce: whereby the miſterie,
trade, and facultie of the ſaid Cowpers, is utterly ouerthrowen, to
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the impoueriſhement and vtter bnding of them, they? wyues, chyldren, and families, as is moſt euident.

ſoꝛasmuch as at the tyme of the makyng of the ſayd eſtatute, the Cowpers might haue bought a thouſand of Barrel boyds foꝛ. xii. s. 02. xiii. s. iiii. d. and a thouſande of Rylderhyn boyds, foꝛ. ix. s. 02. x. s. and a loade of hoopes foꝛ. ix. s. 02. x. s. And now a thouſand of Barrel boyde can not be bought vnder. xxiii. s. iiii. d. and. xl. s. and a thouſand of Rylderhyn boyde vnder. xvi. s. viii. d. and a loade of hoopes vnder. xxiii. s. iiii. d. and. xl. s. as is ryght well and notoꝛiouſly knowen :

Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, the Loꝛdes ſpirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by thauthozitie of the ſame, that as much of euery article, claue, and ſentence, compꝛyſed in the ſaide eſtatute, made in the ſayde. xxiij. yere of the raigne of the ſayde late kyng, as doth touch oꝛ concerne the pꝛyces of Barrels, Rylderhyns, ſpyghyns, and other beſſels, and all and euery payne and foꝛſapture expꝛeſſed and declared in the ſaide Acte, foꝛ ſellyng of any of the ſaid kynde of beſſels, aboue the pꝛyces befoꝛe ſpecified, from the tyme of newe pꝛyces to be ſet in fouꝛme hereafter expꝛeſſed, foꝛ ſuche places onely as the ſame newe pꝛyces ſhall be ſet, ſhalbe clearely repealed, fruſtrate, and made boyde. And that from hencefoꝛth the pꝛyces of all Barrels, Rylderhyns, ſpyghyns, and other beſſels, to be ſolde foꝛ Ale, Beere, oꝛ Sope, to be vttered therein, ſhalbe rated and tared by Mayres, Baylyſes, and other head officer oꝛ officers of euery Citie and Towne corpozate, where any ſuche beſſels ſhalbe made, oꝛ offered to be ſolde: And where ſuch beſſels ſhalbe made oꝛ ſolde out of any Citie, Boꝛough, oꝛ Towne corpozate, the pꝛyces thereof ſhall be rated and tared by the Juſtices of the peace, oꝛ the moꝛe parte of them, beyng preſent in the generall oꝛ quarter Seſſions, yerely next after Eaſter, at ſuche reaſonable pꝛyces, as they ſhall thinke reaſonable by theyꝛ diſcretions. The ſayd eſtatute made in the ſaid xxiij. yere of the raigne of the ſayde late kyng Henry the eyght, oꝛ any other lawe, cuſtome, oꝛ vſage, to the contrarie thereof, in any wyſe notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, that if the ſayde Cowpers, oꝛ any of them, ſhall not make ſale accoꝛdyng to ſuch pꝛyces as ſhall be rated, as is afoꝛeſaide, after proclamation thereof made: that then euerye perſon and perſons ſo offendyng, ſhall foꝛ the ſame, incurre the paines and foꝛſaitures mentioned in the ſaid ſtatute, made the ſaid xxiij. yere of the raigne of the ſayde late kyng: That is to wyt, foꝛ euery Barrel, Rylderhyn, and ſpyghyn, which ſhalbe ſolde at greater pꝛyce then ſhalbe rated and tared, as is afoꝛeſayde, the ſumme of iii. s. iiii. d. of lawfull money of England, whereof the one moitie to be

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to be to the Queenes highnes, her heyres, and successours, and the other moitie to such person and persons as wil sue for the same, by action of det. in any court of recorde, wherein no protection, esloigne, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed or admitted,

An Acte for Boyers, and the pryces of Bowes.

The. x. Chapter.



Moste humbly complaynyng, sheweth
vnto your hyghnes, and to your hygh
Court of Parliament, your obedient sub-
iectes, the Bowyers, dwelling and inha-
biting within the Citie of London, & the
suburbes of the same: That where in the
Parliament of the late kyng of most fa-
mous memorie, kyng Henry the eyght,
begunne and holden at Westminster the
xvi. day of Januarie, in the. xxiii. yere of
the raigne of the sayd late kyng, and there
continued, vntyll the fyrst daye of Aprill then next folowynge, there
was one Acte and statute then made and provided, intituled: An
Act for the maintenaunce of Artillerie, and debarryng of vnlawful
games. In whiche Acte and statute, amongst other thynges, there
is one braunche conteyned and specified: The tenour whereof is as
hereafter foloweth. That is to saye: And to thintent, that euery
person maye haue Bowes of meane pryce, be it enacted by the au-
thoritie aforesayde, that euery Bowyer dwelling out of the Citie
of London, shal after the feast of the purification of our Lady then
next comynge, for euery Bowe that he maketh of Ewe, make
three other Bowes meete to shote in, of Elme, witchhasell, Alder,
and other wood, apte for the same, vnder the payne to lose and for-
sayte for euery suche Bowe so lackynge, iii. s. iiii. d. And euery Bo-
wyer dwelling within the Citie and Suburbes of London, shal
after the sayd feast of the Purification of our Lady then next com-
myng, for euery Bowe of Ewe, make two other Bowes apte for
shotynge, of Alder, Elme, witchhasell, or other wood, meete for the
same, vnder lyke payne and forfaiture, as by the sayde estatute
more playnely it doth and maye appeare. And although the sayd
braunche

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braunche of the sayd statute, be needefull and expedient to remayne
 and continue for suche Bowyers as do dwell and inhabite in the
 Countrey, and other places out of the Citie of London, and the
 Suburbes of the same: Yet forasmuch as there be very fewe or no
 Bowes of Elme, witchhasell, or Ashe, or of any other wood, then
 onely of Ewe, bled or occupped by any person within the sayde
 Cities and Suburbes of the same: therefore the sayde braunche of
 the sayde Acte and statute before rehearsed, was not, ne is needefull
 to be had and made for the Bowyers dwelling within the sayde
 Citie and Suburbes. And yet neuerthelesse, your sayde sub-
 iectes, for the auoyding of the daunger and penaltie conteyned in
 the sayde braunche, are dayly enforced to make suche great num-
 ber of Bowes of Elme, witchhasell, and Ashe, that they can not
 in conuenient tyme, vtter and sell the same, but are constrained
 to kepe suche Bowes by them so made, untill they be putrified,
 and not meete for any good vse or purpose. By reason wherof,
 muche of the sayde wood of Elme, witchhasell, and Ashe, is dayly
 wasted and consumed in making of the sayd Bowes, and your sayd
 subiectes, by suche losses as they dayly susteyne in makinge suche
 Bowes, greatly impoueryshed, and the common wealth thereby
 nothyng aduanced, but rather hindered. And where also in the
 seuerall statutes, of the noble kyng of famous memorie, kyng Ed-
 warde the fourth, made in the. xxi. yere of his raigne, and in the
 thirde yere of the raigne of kyng Henry the seventh, Graundfather
 to our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and in the
 sayde. xxi. yere of the raigne of our sayde late Soueraigne Lorde,
 kyng Henry the eighth, father to our sayde Soueraigne Lady, there
 is mention made of the pryces of Bowes, whiche at those seuerall
 tymes, was appoynted to be but. iiii. s. iiii. d. and not aboue, to sell
 the best. At whiche sayde tymes, suche Bowes myght well haue
 ben so solde to any person or persons, acording to the rates and
 pryces expressed in the sayd seuerall Actes, untill now. within this
 twentie yeres, the pryces of Bowstaues haue diuersly ben raysed
 and enhaunsed, from foure poundes a hundreth, to. xii. li. or there-
 aboutes, for whiche causes, the pryces conteyned in the sayde seue-
 rall statutes, can not be obserued: And yet your Maiesties sayde
 subiectes the Bowyers, are presently in daunger of the sayde seue-
 rall statutes concerning the pryces of Bowes, which they humbly
 beseeche your Maiestie, with thassent of your hygh court of Parlia-
 ment, may be released vnto them, and the penalties appoynted for
 the same.

Be it therfore enacted, ordayned, and established, by the Queenes
 Maiestie our Soueraigne Lady, with thassent of the Lordes spirit-
 tuall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament

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assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that the sayde estatutes of kyng Edward the fourth, and kyng Henry the seventh, concernyng the pryces of Bowes, and all the braunches conteyned in the sayde statute of kyng Henry the eyght, so farre forth as the same extendeth to the pryces of Bowes therein expessed only, from the first day of this present Parliament, and so for ever, be thereby clearly repealed and made voyde and frustrate, to all intents, constructions and purposes, and also all and every clause and sentence of the sayde statute of kyng Henry the eyght before recited, tending to the makynge of Bowes of Elme, wichehaile, Ahe, and other wood, besides Ewe before rehearsed, or any penaltie therein conteyned, for any the sayde last rehearsed premisses, from henceforth for ever shall not be entended, construed, or taken to extend to any Bowyer now dwelling or inhabitynge, or which hereafter shall happen to dwell or inhabite within the Cities of London and Westminster, or the Suburbes of any of them, or in the Borough of Southwarke, in the Countie of Surrey: The sayde statutes, or any thyng in them, or any of them, conteyned in any wyse to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and every the sayde Bowyers within the sayde Cities and Suburbes of London and Westminster, and Borough of Southwarke, shall from henceforth from tyme to tyme, and at all tymes hereafter, provide and have in his or theyr custody, the number of fyftie good and able Bowes of Elme, wichehaile, or Ahe, at the least, wel and substantially made and wrought, upon payne that every of the sayde Bowyers, which by the space of twentie dayes, shall not have in his custody such number of the sayde Bowes of wichehaile, Elme, or Ahe, redymade, and meete to be solde and used as aforesayde, shall hereafter for every Bowe lackynge of the number aforesayde. forsayde. x. s. the one moitie of which forsayture, shalbe to our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maestie, and the other moitie thereof, shalbe to hym or them, vsyng the art of an Armourer, Fletcher, or maker of Bowtrynges, that will sue for the same, by action of debt, bill, playnt, or other wise, in any court of Recorde, in which action and suite, no protection, or wager of law, shall in any wyse be admitted or allowed for the defendaunt.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf any Bowyer, after the fyfte daye of Maye next comynge, do sell any Bowes meete for mens shootynge, beyng outlandishe Ewe, and of the best sorte, ouer and aboue the pryce of. vi. s. viii. d. or do sell any Bowes meete for mens shootynge, beyng of the seconde sorte, ouer and aboue the pryce of. iii. s. iiii. d. or shall sell any Bowes meete for men, as is aforesayd, beyng of the course sort,
called

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called liuerpe Bowes, for and aboue the pryce of. ii. s. a peece, or that shall after the sayde fyrste daye of Maye, sell any Bowes beyng Englishe Cwe, ouer and aboue the pryce of. ii. s. the peece: that then the seller or sellers of suche Bowes, shall forsayte for euerye Bowe so solde, ouer and aboue the pryce aforesayde, xl. s. the one moitie therof, to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, and the other moitie, to the partie vsyng the art of an Armourer, fletcher, or maker of Bowstrynges, that wyll sue for the same in any court of Recorde, by action of debt, byll, playnt, or other wyse, wherein no wager of lawe, essoigne, or protection, shalbe admitted or allowed: Any thyng in this Act, or in any other Acte conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding. This Act to continue vntyll the last day of the first session of the next Parliament.

An Acte for the true makynge of *Hattes and Cappes.*

The. xj. Chapter.



Here great multitudes of the Queenes Maiesties true subiectes, vsyng the Arte of makynge of wollen Cappes, are impouerished and decayed by the excessiue vse of Hattes and feltes, and thereby diuers good Cities and Townes brought to desolation, great plentie of straunge commodities, without necessitie consumed, and great numbers of people enforced to depende vpon the hauing of forraigne woolles, to the discommoditie of this Realme, the disservice of seruice to be done to the Queenes Maiestie, and greater euident daungers, if remedy be not provided: It may therefore please the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, at the lamentable suite and complaynt of her sayd pooze subiectes, that it be enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that no person, by hym or her selfe, or by any other, shal after the feast of the Natiuitie of S. John Baptist next commynge, make or worke any felt or Hatte, of, or with any forraigne wooll or Russe, vnlesse suche person shall first haue ben apprentice or couenaunt seruauant, to such misterie of felt or Hat making, by the space of seuen yeres at the least, vpon payne to forsayte all such Hattes or feltes,

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feltes, as he shall make, or cause to be made whyle he worketh, contrary to the fourme of this Act, and five poundes in money for euery moneth that he shall so continue.

AND be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that from the first day of Aprill next commyng, no person whatsoever, shall make, sell, or cause to be made or solde, any Cappe or other thyng of felt, but onely Hattes, nor shall make, sell, or cause to be made or solde, any Cappe of any woollen cloth not knyt. And that no person, after the sayde first day of Aprill, shall dye, or cause to be dyed blacke, any Cappe, with barke or swarfe, but only with copperas and gall, or with wood and madder.

AND (for the setting of many poore and impotent persons to worke, and for better making of Cappes) that no person, after the sayde first day of Aprill, shall thicke or full in any Wyll, or cause to be thicked or fulled in any Wyll, any Cappe, vntyll suche tyme as the same Cappe be first well scoured and closed vppon the banche, and halfe thicked at the least in the footstocke. And that no man vnder the degree of a knyght, or of a Lordes sonne, shall after the sayd first day of Aprill, weare any Hatte or hyper Cappe of veluet, or couered with veluet, on payne to forsaite for euery Hatte, Cap, or other thyng to be made, dyed, thicked, fulled, solde, or worne, contrary to the meanyng of this Acte, ten shillinges, whereof the one moitie shall be to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires, and successours, the other moitie to such person then vsyng the seate of Cappe making, as wyll sue for the same in any court of Recorde, wherein no esloigne, protection, or wager of lawe, for the defendaunt, shall be admitted or allowed.

AND for the better and truer making of Cappes and Hattes within this Realme: Be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that it shall be lesull to the Maister and Wardens of the company of Haberdashers, within the Citie of London, and to their successours for the tyme beyng, calling to them one of the company of the Cappers, and another of the makers of Hattes, as often as neede shall require, within the sayde Citie, or within thre myles of the same, to searche all and all maner of Cappers and makers of Hattes, and the offendours and defaultes by them found, to correct and punyssh by fynes and other wyse, as in lyke cases they do other offendours and defaultes within the sayde company. And that it shall be lesul for all Maiors, Bayliffes, and other head officers, in all other Cities and Townes corporate, to do the lyke.

PROVIDED alway, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that euery Hatmaker, that is now a maker or worker of Hatts, and beyng a housholder, apprentice, couenaunt seruant, or iorneyman, shall or may, duryng such persons naturall life, continue making

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kyng of Hattes and feltes, albeit such person were not bounden apprentice to the same arte for the space of seven yeres. And be it enacted, that no maker or worker of Hattes, shall take or receaue any apprentices, contrary to the true making of this Acte, that is to say, aboue two apprentices at one tyme, nor those for any lesse tyme, then seven yeres at the least, on payne to suffer for euery apprentice to be taken or receaued agaynst the fourme of this Acte, one monethes imprisonment in the common Gaole, without baile or maynpyle. And that euery taking or receauyng of apprentice, contrary to this Acte, shalbe voyde: And also suche person so taking or receauyng, shalbe from thencefoorth disabled to haue any mo apprentices, then one at one tyme.

Provided alway, that nothing in this Act shall extende to charge any person, allowed to be a feltmaker or Hatmaker, with any payne or forsayture, for settynge or vsyng his or their owne chyldeyn to the making or working of feltes or Hattes, in his or their owne houses. Provided, that this Acte shall not extende to any making of Hattes with woorked yarne, in the Citie of Norwiche.

✠ An Acte for Thalnegers fees in Lancashire,
and for length, breadth, and wayght of
Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges.

The .xij. Chapter.



Orasmuch as diuers Clothiers inhabityng within the Countie Palantine of Lancaster, seekyng inordinately theyr owne singuler gaynes, haue of late practized priuily to conuey and carry away out of the sayde Countie, diuers Cottons, fryzes, and Rugges, there made, to be solde befoze suche tyme as the Queenes Thulneger of the sayde Countie hath fixed vnto euery such Cloth the Queenes Seale in that behalfe appoynted, and sometyme counterfaytynge and settynge to such their clothes, seales of their owne, myndyng thereby, not only to defraude the sayde Thulneger of his accustomable fees, due to be payde to the Queenes hyghnes vse, for the sealyng of euerye suche Cloth, Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge: but also to couer and hyde the vn-

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true and deceitful making of many of the saide Clothes, contrary to the true meanyng of sundry good and wholsome estatutes and lawes heretofore made, as well for the true making of the clothes beforesaid, as also for the searching, trying, and sealing of the same, to the no litle prejudice and damage of the sayde Vulneger, who standeth charged with the payment of a great annall summe to the Queenes Maestie, for the sayd Vulneger, in deceit of her highnes subiectes, and discredite of the commoditie of the sayd clothes.

For reformation whereof, be it enacted by our sayd Soueraigne Ladye the Queene, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that no person or persons, from and after the first day of Aprill next commynge, shall sell, or put to sale within the sayde Countie, or conuey, or carry, or cause to be conueyed and carryed out of the sayde Countie of Lancaster, any kinde of Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, hereafter to be made within the sayde Countie Palantine of Lancaster, to be solde, before such tyme that the owner or maker of euery such Cloth, Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, shall fixe and put to, or cause to be fixed & put to euery such Cloth, Fryze, Cotton, or Rugge, one seale of Leade, hauyng the marke of euery such owner or Clothyer ingraued on the one syde therof, and the true length of euery such Cloth, Fryze, Cotton, or Rugge, as it is founde beyng wette, to be ingraued on the other syde of the sayde seale. And also the Queenes hyghnes Vulneger of the sayde Countie Palantine, for the tyme beyng, bpon tryall of the wayght of euery such Cotton, Fryze, and Rugge, shall fixe and put, or cause to be fixed and put to euery suche Cotton, Fryze, and Rugge, the Queenes hyghnes seale of Leade, hauyng the Portecullies crowned, ingraued on the one syde therof, and the true wayght of euery such Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, to be ingraued on the other syde of the same seale, bpon payne of forfayture of al & euery such Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, conueyed, carryed, sent, solde, and put to sale, or to the intent to be solde, beyng vnsealed, contrary to the meanyng of this present Acte: the one moitie thereof, to be to the vse of the Queenes hyghnes, her heyres, and succellours, and the other moitie thereof, to such person or persons, that shall seale the same Cloth, Cotton, Fryze, or Rugge, or wyl sue for the same, to be recovered in any of the Queenes hyghnes courtes of Record, by bill, playnt, information, or other wyse, wherein no essoine, protection, or wager of lawe, shalbe allowed for the defendaunt.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde Vulneger, after the sayde fyrste daye of Aprill, shall appoynt and haue his lawfull deputie within euery of the seuerall Townes of Manchester, Rochedale, Bolton, Blackboyne,

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borne, and Bery, in the said Countie where the said Vulneger hath ben accustomed to haue his deputie heretofore, there to be redy vpon lawfull request vnto him made, without delay, to waue euery of the said Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, as shall be brought vnto euery such deputie, and sealed with the seale of the owner or maker of euery of the same clothes, in fourme beforesayde, and to fixe and set to euery of the sayde Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, the Queenes highnes seale beforesayde, to be ingraued in maner and fourme befoze mentioned, vpon payne of forfaiture of .xx.s. for euery packe of Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, sealed by the saide Vulneger, or any of his sayde deputies, befoze the same be wayed in fourme beforesayde: the one moitie thereof, to be to the vse of the Queenes highnes, her heyres and successours, and the other moitie thereof, to hym or them that will sue for the same, in any of the Queenes Maiesties courtes of Recorde, by bill, plainte, information, action of debt, or other wyse, wherein no wager of lawe, protection, or essoigne, shalbe allowed.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that it shalbe lawfull for the said Vulneger or his deputie, to haue and take of the owner or maker of euery of the sayd Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, or Rugges, for the waying & sealing of euery packe of the sayd Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, iii. d. And for euery peece of such course Clothes, Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, not amountyng to a whole packe one halfe peny, and the same to be payde by the owner or bringer of the said clothes, at the waying and sealing of the same: Any custome, vse, or prescription to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding. And forasmuche as suche persons as commonly do vse to biter and sell the said seuerall kinds of Cottons, Fryzes, & Rugges, haue ben and are dayly molested, vered, and troubled, to their great losse and hinderaunce, by meanes of the crueltie of Informers & searchers, seeking continually their owne priuate gaine, by finding of the said Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, at no time made accordyng to such fourme of waight, lengthes, & breadthes, as by the former statutes of this Realme, lately made for the true making of wollen cloth, is limited and appointed: And for that the same persons do allege, that the makers of the said Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, can by no meanes be reduced to obserue the said waightes, lengthes, and breadthes, in makynge of the sayde Cottons, Fryzes, & Rugges, accordyng to the fourme of the saide former estatutes, without the biter vndoing of great numbers of poore people, that are commonly the makers of such kynd of clothes, and that by meanes hereof, the saide Cottons, Fryzes, and Rugges, stithens the making of the said estatutes, haue ben, & are more scarce and dearer, then they were befoze the making of the saide estatutes,

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and in nothing at all amended in substance or forme of making.

For reformation wherof: Be it enacted, that from and after the first day of Aprill next comming, every of the saide Cottons, being sufficiently mylled or thicked, cleane scoured, wel wrought, and fullye dyed, shall waye .xxi. ponde at the least, and shall contayne in length .xxi. goades, or .xx. goades at the least, and in breadth at the most, three quarters of the yarde, or within one nayle of three quarters of the yarde at the least. And that every of the saide Fryzes or Rugges, being thicked and fully dyed, shall waye .xlviij. pound at the least, and shall contayne in length, betwixte .xxv. yardes, & .xxvii. yardes, and shall contayne in breadth at the most, three quarters of the yarde, or within one nayle of three quarters at the least, and not to be strayned upon the taintours, above one nayle in breadth. And also if any of the saide Cottons fryzes, or Rugges, shall be of anye greater length, then is before severally expressed, that then everye goade or yarde so exceeding the sayd severall lengthes, shall waye after such rate, as every goade or yarde of suche Cottons, fryzes, or Rugges, containing the said severall lengthes, shall ought to waye, upon payne of forfeiture for every goade or yarde not waying after such rate, .xii. d. And also if any of the saide Cottons, fryzes, and Rugges, shall be of lesse waight, then is before severally limited & appointed, that then all and every such person or persons, that shall so sell, or offer to be solde, any such Cotton, fryze, or Rugges, shall forfeite for every ponde lacking under three poundes .xii. d. and for every ponde waight lacking above .iii. li. five Willinges: the one halfe of whiche forfeitures, shall be to oure Soueraigne Ladye the Queenes hyghnes, her heyres and successours, and the other halfe therof, to such person or persons, that shall sue for the same, by action of debt, byll, playnt, or information, in any of the Queenes Majesties courtes of Recorde, wherein no eschaunge, protection, or wager of lawe, shall be admitted or allowed for the defendaunt.

And further, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and every braunche, clause sentence, and article specified and contained in any other Actes of Parliament before this tyme made, concerning the sealyng and making of the saide Cottons, fryzes, and Rugges, shall be from henceforth utterly repealed, boyde, and of none effecte: Any thing in the said Actes contained to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this Acte shall not in anye wyse extend to be prejudiciall or hurtful unto any charter or libertie of any Borough or corporate Towne within the sayde Countie Palantine of Lancaster, concerning the making and putting to sale of any wollen cloth: Any thing therein contained to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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An Acte concernyng Seamarkes and Mariners.

The.xiiij. Chapter.



Hereas the Mayster, Wardens and Assidautes of the Trinitie house of Deptforde stonde, beyng a company of the chieffest and most expert maisters and gouernours of Shippes, incorporate with in them selues, charged with the conduction of the Queenes Maiesties Hauereyall, are bounde to forsee the good increase and mayntenaunce of Shippes, and of al kinde of men traded and brought by water crafte, mooste meete for her Maiesties marine seruice. And forasmuche as by the destroying and taking away of certayne steeple, woodes, and other markes standing vpon the mayne shores, adioynnyng to the sea coastes of this Realme of Englande and Wales, beyng as beacons and markes of auncient tyme accustomed for Seafaryng men, to saue and keepe them and the Shippes in their charge, from sundry daungers thereto incident: diuers Shippes with their goods and marchandizes, in sayling from forrayne partes towardes this Realme of Englande and Wales, and specialllye to the port and ryuer of Thames, haue by the lacke of suche markes, of late yeres ben miscaried, perished, and lost in the Sea, to the great detriment and hurt of the common weale, and the perishing of no small number of people.

FOR remedie wherin to be had: Be it enacted, established, and ordayned, by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, by the consentes of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the foresayde Maister, wardens, and Assidautes of the Trinitie house at Deptforde stonde, aforesayde, beyng a company incorporated as before, shall and maye lawefully by vertue of this Acte, from tyme to tyme hereafter, at their wylles and pleasures, and at their costes, make, erect, and set by suche and so many beacons, markes, and signes for the sea, in suche place or places of the sea shores, and bylandes neare the sea coastes, or forelandes of the sea, onelye for sea markes, as to them shall seeme mooste meete,

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meete, nedefull, and requisite, whereby the daungers may be annoyded and escaped, and Shippes the better come vnto theyr portes, without peryll. And that all suche Beakons, markes, and signes, so to be by them or theyr assignes, erected, made, and set by, at the costes and charges of the sayd Maiſter, wardens, and assistauntes, shall and maye be continued, renewed, and be mayntayned from tyme to tyme, at the costes and charges of the sayde Maiſter, wardens, and assistauntes: Any thing to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

AND be it further ordayned and enacted by thauctozitie aforesayde, that no sleeplees, trees, or other thynges now standing as beakons or markes for the sea, wherof to the owner or occupier of the place (where the same doth grow or stande, before the first day of Marche nexte commyng) notice shalbe geuen by the Queenes Maiesties letters vnder her signet, shall at any tyme hereafter, be taken downe, felled, or otherwyle cut downe, vpon paine that every person by whose procurement or consent suche offence shal be committed, shall forſayte the summe of one hundredeth poundes, whereof the one moitie to the Queenes Maiestie, and the other moitie to be to the Maiſter, wardens, and Assistantes of the saide Crinitie house. And yf the sayde person or persons so offending, be not of the value of one hundred poundes: then the same person and persons, to be deemed conuict of outlarie, ipso facto, to all constructions and purposes.

AND further, be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that all Mariners, and Seafaryng men, dwelling about the sayd ryuer of Thames, beyng thereto licenced by the sayd Maiſter, wardens, and Assistantes, and hauyng sufficient certificat of suche licence from the sayde Maiſter, and wardens, aswel betweene their voyages, as at other tymes, at their willes & pleasures, by force hereof, the better to kepe and refrayne them selues from folly, ydlenes, and lewde company, and for the reliefe of them, their wiues, and children: shal and may freely and quietly, exercise and rowe in their owne whirries, or any other mens wherries by them to be hyred, or wherein they shalbe hyred to worke, by and downe the said riuer of Thames, to applye and folowe the ordinarie passyng and carryng of the Queenes Maiesties people to and fro, as other watermen, commonly called whirrmen, of the same riuer vse & accustome to do, without impechement, hinderaunce, or let, to the contrarye. And that such Seafaryng men, shall not thereby be drawen vnder any other gouernement, then vnder the sayde Maiſter, wardens, and Assistantes, as they were before: Any Acte, statute, prouision, proclamation, ordinaunce, or custome, heretofore agaynst the premises ordayned or made, in any wyle notwithstanding.

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An Acte touchyng transporting of tawed Leather.

The. xiiij. Chapter.



Orasmuche as in one Acte made in the firste session of this present Parliament, intituled: An Acte agaynst the carryng of Sheepskins and pelses ouer the sea, not beyng Staple ware, there is contayned one braunche agaynst the makyng of any pelses by any person, other then such as are permitted to make the same by the sayde statute. The execution of whiche braunche, hath ben put in suspence, by reason that some other parts of the same statute, are supposed to be against the entercourse of the lowe Countreys of the kyng of Spayne.

BE it therefore declared and enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde firste braunche of the sayde statute, beyng not against the sayde entercourse, shal from hencefoorth be put in due execution. And forasmuche as great multitudes of the Queenes Maiesties liege people, haue ben set on worke by conuerting of Sheepe skynnes and Lambe skynnes, into tawed Leather and Parchment, here within this Realme, whiche by one other braunche of the sayde statute, is prohibited to be transported out of the Realme in Leather: And where the conuerting of suche skynnes into Leather and Parchment, hath ben great mayntenance of many thousandes of the subiectes of this Realme, and greater daylye wylbe, to the great benefite of this Realme, yf the sayde first braunche concernyng makyng of pelses be duely put in execution, where other wyse, yf the sayde pelses shoulde be transported into other Realmes, the same woulde be an occasion of the impoverishing of many of the naturall Englyshe people of this Realme.

BE it therefore enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that so much of the sayde statute, as concerneth the transporting of tawed Leather, to be made of Sheepe skynnes, and Lambes skynnes, shal from hencefoorth, as touching only the transporting of such tawed Leather, be repealed and voyde: Any thyng in the sayde statute to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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An Acte for preseruacion of Grayne.

The. xv. Chapter.



Here in the Parliament holden at Westmynster vpon prozogation, the fourth daye of february, in the .xviii. yere of the raigne of the noble Prince of famous memorie kynge Henry the eyght: amongst other Actes, one estatute was made and provided for the destruction of Crows, Rookes, & Chaughes: In whiche estatute, is conteyned one braunche concerning the prouision, putting in bze, and mayntenaunce of nettes and shrapes: whiche braunche, beyng very good and beneficiall, long tyme sythens was expyzed. Be it therefore ordayned and enacted, by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and tempozall, and of the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that onelye the sayde braunche of the same estatute, concerning the prouision, vse, and mayntenaunce of nettes and shrapes, for the destruction of Crows, Rookes, and Chaughes, and all and euery article, forsaiture, & penaltie, contained in the said braunche, for and concernyng the prouision and puttyng in bze of the same nettes, and for the maintenaunce thereof, accordyng to the fourme therein limited: shall from hencefoorth be reuiued and put in due execution, and that all and euery other braunche and article conteyned in the same estatute, shalbe from hencefoorth vtterly repealed and made voyde to all intentes and purposes.

AND further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that in euery paryshe, the Churchwardens for the tyme beyng, with others of the parishioners, to the number of sixe persons, to be required by the Churchwardens, shall after the feast of Sainte Michael tharchaungell next commyng, yerely in one of the festiuall dayes in the Easter weeke, and at euery other tyme when and as often as it is and shalbe needefull, take and asseste euery propriatour, farmour, and other person, hauyng the possession of any lande or tythes within their seuerall paryshes, to paye suche summe of money, as they shall thinke meete, accordyng to the quantitie and position

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tion of suche landes or tythes, as the same person so assessed, do or shall haue or holde: And if the sayde summes of money, or any of them, so tared and assessed, be or shalbe denyed to be payde, or be not payde within fourteene dayes next after request thereof made by the sayde Churchwardens, or one of them: then euery person so denyng or makynge suche default of payment, shall forsayte for euery tyme fīue shyllinges, and the same, together with the sayde summe or summes assessed and tared as is aforesayde, shalbe leuied by distresse, of the goodes and cattels of suche person and persons so assessed, and refusing to pay such summe, to be taken by the Churchwardens, or one of them: whiche distresse, shalbe ordered and vsed in suche maner and fourme, as distresses taken for amerciamentes in any letes, and the same summes so tared and assessed, and the sayde penalties, if any beso by them leuied, as is aforesayde, shalbe yerely by the sayde Churchwardens for the tyme beyng, or one of them, of euery such parishe, deliuered, by bill or bills indented, to two honest and substanciall persons of euery such paryshe, which shalbe elected and appoynted by the sayde Churchwardens, for the tyme beyng, to haue the yerely distribution thereof, and shalbe named the distributours of the prouision for the destruction of noyfull foules and bermin. And the sayde distributours so appoynted, as is aforesayde, shall geue and pay of the same money so to them deliuered, to euery person that shall byng to them any heades of olde Crowes, Chaughes, Wyres, or Rooches, taken within the seuerall paryshes, for the heades of euery thre of them, a peny. And for the heades of euery sīre young Crowes, Chaughes, Wyres, or Rooches, taken as is aforesayde, a peny. And for euery sīre egges of any of them broken, a peny. And lykwyle for euery twelue Stares heades a peny. All whiche sayde heades and egges, the sayde distributours in some conuenient place shall kepe, and shall euery moneth at least, byng forth the same before the said Churchwardens and farours, or thre of them, and then and there to them shall make a true account in wytyng, what money they haue layde forth, and payde for suche heades and egges, and for the heades of suche other raue- nous byrdes and bermin, as are hereafter in this Acte mentioned, That is to say: for euery head of Martin hawkes, Fursehitte, Holdkytte, Busarde, Schagge, Carmerante, or Ryngtayle. ii. d. and for euery two egges of them, one peny. For euery Iron or Spayes head, foure pence. For the head of euery woodwall, Wyre, Jay, Raven, or Wyte, one peny. For the head of euery byrde whiche is called the kinges fisher, one peny. For the head of euery Bulfinche, or other byrde that deuoureth the blowth of fruite, one peny. For the heades of euery fore or Gray. iij. d. and for the head

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of euery fitchewe, Polcatte, weſell, Stote, ſayze Bade, or wylde Catte. i. d. for the heades of euery Otter, or Hedgehogges. ii. d. for the heades of euery three Rattes, or twelue Myſe. i. d. for the heades of euery Mouldwarpe or wante. a ob. for the heades of euery whiche byrdes and bermin laſt mentioned, the ſayde diſtributours ſhall likewiſe pay and geue to the bringer of them. for euery head, kylde and taken withyn theyr ſeueral pariſhe, as befoze is limited, and ſhall kepe the ſame to be ſhewed ſoozth vpon theyr accompt, in maner and fourme as is afozeſayde. All whiche ſayde heades and egges, ſhalbe ſoozthwith, after ſuche accompt made, in the preſence of the ſayde Churchwardens and taxours, or of three of them, burned, conſumed, or cut in ſunder. And yf vppon any accompt to be made in the ende and determination of the office of any ſuche diſtributours, it ſhall appeare that any ſumme of money is remaynyng in the handes of the ſayde diſtributours, or of any of them, then the ſame ſhalbe by byll indented, as is ſozeſayde, deliuered ouer to ſuche perſons, as be or ſhalbe elected to the ſame office, for the pere next ſolowynge, by them to be diſtributed, as is afozeſayde.

And for the better execution of this Acte, be it alſo enacted by the aucthoritie afozeſayd, that it may and ſhalbe lawfull to and for euery perſon and perſons, whiche hereafter wyl trauell for the takynge of Crowes, Rookes, Chaughes, and other the bermin abouesayde, to enter for the ſame purpoſe and intent into any place therfoze meete and conuenient, with the conſent of the owner or occupier of the ſame, and there to vſe ſuch nettes, engins, and other reaſonable deuices, as are meete and conuenient for the takynge and deſtruction of ſuche bermin (handgunnes and croſbowes excepted) and ſhall take and haue all ſuche Crowes, Chaughes, Rookes, and other bermin to his and their owne vſes. And if the ſayde Churchwardens, and ſixe perſons of any pariſhe or pariſhes, ſo required by the Churchwardens, as is afozeſayd, or the perſons elected for diſtributours, or any of them, ſhall reſuſe or make default in the execution of this Act, or any part therof, contrary to the fourme afozeſayd: then euery ſuche perſon ſhall ſozſayte for euery ſuche default, ſiue poundes, the one moitie thereof, to be to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres and ſucceſſours, and the other moitie therof, to him or them vſyng tillage yerely within the ſame Shire, that ſhall ſue for the ſame in any court of recozde of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres and ſucceſſours, by action, debt, or byll of information, wherein the defendaunt or defendantes ſhall haue no protection, elloigne, or wager of lawe alowed or admitted.

Provided alwaies, & be it further enacted by aucthoritie afozeſaid, that this Act or any bzaunch therein contayned, ſhal not in any wiſe extende

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extende to geue any libertie or aucthoritie to any person or persons to vse or exercise any meane or engin, for the destruction of Crowes or Rookes, Chaughes, or other the vermin aforesayde, in any place or places, to the disturbaunce, let, or destruction of the buyldyng or breedynge of any kynde of Hawkes, Herons, Egryts, Daupers, Swannes, or Shouelers, or to the hurt or destructiō of any Doues douehouses, Deere, or warren of Conies: Any thing in this Acte to the contrary contayned, notwithstanding.

And be it further prouided, that this Acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to geue or appoynte any summe or summes of money, to be geuen, payde, or distributed, to any person or persons, for the head or heades of any Busarde, Kingtaylor, Perne, Polcatte, fytchewe, or Stote, taken in any parke, warren, or grounde, employed to the mayntenaunce of any game of Conies, or to any Stares taken in douehouses, nor to the kyllyng or bynnyng the head of any Wyte or Raven, killed in any Citie or Towne corporate, or within two myles of the same. This Acte to continue to the ende of the next Parliament.

☛ An Acte that in diuers Counties, there
shalbe but one Sheriffe in
one Countie.

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Here as the Counties and Shyres of Surrey and Sussler, Essex and Hertforde, Somerset and Dorset, Warwyche and Lyncester, Nottingham and Derby, Oren and Barke, of long tyme haue had but one Sheryffe, to serue for two of the sayde Counties: that is to say, one for Surrey and Sussler, and one other for Essex and Hertford, and one other for Somerset and Dorset, and one other for Warwyche and Lyncester, and one other for Nottingham and Derby, and one other for Oren and Barke. The occasion whereof in the beginning (as it shoulde seeme) was, for that euery of the sayde seuerall Counties, were not then so well inhabited with gentlemen of good abilitie, to serue in

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the sayde office, as (thankes be to God) they be at this present. And sozomuch as the seruice and charges of that office of Sherifwyke of the sayde Counties, is moze then in tymes past it hath ben, and is nowe comunly greater then one Sheriffe is able to serue and supplie: Therefore suche gentlemen as do dwell in the sayde seuerall Counties, are very desyrus to haue for euery of the sayde Counties, one Sheriffe to be yerely made and appoynted for the same. And that for the hauping of seuerall Sheriffes accordyngly, can not be hurtfull to any, but thereby maye growe some ease of charges and trouble to such as shall hereafter be appoynted to such office, and also the sayde office better serued and executed, then heretofore hath ben:

Be it therfore enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the Queenes most excellent maiestie, her heyres and successours, Kynges or Queenes of this Realme, shall and may from and after the fyrst day of Nouember, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fye hundred, threescore and seuen, yerely chose and make for euery of the said Counties before named, one sufficient and able person, to be Sheriffe of the same, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as is and hath ben vsed to be chosen, made, and done for any other Countie or Shire within this Realme: any lawe, custome, or vsage, heretofore had or vsed, to the contrary thereof, notwithstanding. And that euery person, whiche after the said first day of Nouember shalbe made and appointed Sheriffe, for any of the said counties, shalbe accomptable and vsed in the order of his accompt, and all other thinges, and allowaunce to hym to be made, in the court of Erchequer, and all other courtes and places, in such maner and fourme, as is commonly vsed for Sheriffes in like cases,

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that the Barons of the Queenes hyghnes, her heyres and successours, of the court of Erchequer, for the tyme being, calling vnto them aswell her or their graces officers of remembraunce, and the Treasourers remembraunce, together with the Clarke of the pype of the same court, as also the seuerall Sheriffes, the which next after the sayde first day of Nouember, shalbe by her hyghnes, her heyres and successours, constituted, named, and appoynted, of euery of the sayde seuerall Counties of Surrey and Sussler, Essex and Hertforde, Somerset and Dorset, Warwyke and Lecester, Nottingham and Derby, Oxen and Barks: shall haue by vertue of this Acte of Parliament, full power and aucthoritie, to senar and deuide by the discretion and iudgement of the sayde Barons, all and singuler the proffers of the sayde Counties of Surrey and Sussler, Essex and Hertforde, Somerset and Dorset, Warwyke and Lecester, Nottingham and Derby, Oxen and Barks.

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The whiche sayde seuerance and deuision of the sayd proffers, shal be entred of recorde in the sayde court of Erchequer, and shal be finall and perpetuall, duryng so long tyme as this present Acte of Parliament shall endure and haue continuance.

And it is further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that in suche and the same maner and fourme as the sayde proffers shal be deuided, euen so the taylor of rewarde of euery of the foresayd Counties, where any taylor of rewarde hereafter shal be taken, shal be seuered and deuided in maner and fourme aforesayde.

And be it lyke wyse further enacted by th aucthoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Barons, for the time beyng, of the Queenes highnes sayde court of Erchequer, and of her heyres and successours, calling vnto them the sayde officers of the Treasourers remembrauncer, and the Clarke of the pyper, shall haue full power and aucthoritie from tyme to tyme, to take order and appoyntment for the true and speedie payment and contentation of suche creation money, fees, and annuities, and all other summes of money as haue ben accustomed to haue ben payde, or of ryght ought to haue ben payde to any person or persons, by the handes of the sayde seuerall Sheriffes. And that such order, direction, and appoyntment, so made, had, and taken by the saide Barons, in maner and fourme last before recited, shal be obserued, perfourmed, fulfilled, and kept yerely, as well by both the Sheriffes of the sayde seuerall counties of Surrey and Sussex, for the time beyng, as by the sayd seuerall Sheriffes for the tyme beyng, of the sayde counties of Essex and Hertforde, and of Somerset and Dorset, and of warwicke and Leycester, and of Nottingham and Derby, and of Oxon and Barkes: Any blage, lawe, or custome, to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that no Sheriffe hereafter to be chosen and made of any one of the sayde counties in this Acte mentioned, shall pay in any court of recorde, for any duetie belongyng properly to the office of Sheriffe, any other fees or charges, then onely the one halfe of the charges and fees, whiche he shoulde be compelled to haue payde, if he had ben Sheriffe of two of the said Shires and Counties, as before the making of this Acte was vled: Any lawe, blage, or customs to the contrary notwithstanding.

This Acte to continue and endure vnto the ende of thre whole yeres, to be accompted from the feast of all Sainctes, in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. LXXIII. and from thence, to the ende of the next Parliament then next folowyng the ende of the sayde thre yeres.

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An Acte for confirmation of a Sub-
sidie graunted by the
Cleargie.

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Here the Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterburie, haue louyngly and liberally for certayne considerations, geuen and graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, a Subsidie of foure shillinges of the pounce, to be taken and leuied of all and singuler theyr promotions spirituall within the same prouince, during the terme of thre yeres now next ensuyng, in such certayne manner and fourme, and with suche ex-

ceptions and prouisions, as be specified and contayned in a certayne instrument, by them thereof made, and deliuered to the Queenes hyghnesse, vnder the seale of the moste reuerende father in God, Matthewe, nowe Archbysshop of Canterburie, and primate of all Englande: whiche instrument is nowe exhibited in this present Parliament to be ratified, The tenour whereof, ensueth in these wordes.

The Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterburie, being lawfully congregated and assembled together in a conuocation or Synode, calling to theyr remembraunce the great and manyfolde benefites, whiche they haue many and sundry wayes receaued of your maiesties moste gracious bountifullnesse, principally for the setting forth, and aduancynge of Goddes holie worde, his sincere and true religion, and abolyshynge all forrayne power, contrary to the same. Considerynge also the great debtes, wherewith the imperiall Crowne of this Realme was charged, when it pleased almighty God first to call your hyghnesse to the gouernaunce of the same. And further, wayghing the great charges, wherewith your maiestie both hath ben, and is lyke to be burdened hereafter, for the defendynge and preferuynge your hyghnesse Realme, and naturall subiectes in christian peace, tranquillitie, and safetie.

In consideration therof, and for a true declaration of our bounden dueties, good heartes and myndes towardes your maiestie,
with

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with one brifoyme agreement, accorde, and consent together, with most heartie good wyll, haue geuen and graunted, and by these presentes do geue and graunt, to your hyghnesse, your heyres and successours, one Subsidie, in maner and fourme folowynge.

That is to say: That euery Archbyschop, Byschop, Deane, Archdeacon, Prouost, maister of Colledge, Prebendarie, Parson, Vicar, and euery other person and persons, of whatsoeuer name or degree he or they be, within the prouince of Canterburie, enioying any spirituall promotion or other temporall possessions, to the same spirituall promotion annexed, nowe not deuided nor seperated by Act of Parliament, or other wyse, from the possession of the Cleargie: shall pay to your hyghnesse, your heyres and successours, for euery pounce that he may yerely dispende by reason of the sayd spirituall promotion, the summe of foure shyllinges. And for the true and certayne value of all the promotions, and euery of them, whereof the payment of this Subsidie shall be made, the rate, taration, valuation, and estimation, nowe remaynyng of recorde in your maiesties court of Erchequer, for the payment of the perpetuall disme or tenth, graunted to your maiesties most noble father, in the. xxvi. yere of his raigne, concernyng suche promotions as nowe be in possession of the Cleargie, or of any other, not deuided by any Acte of Parliament, or other wyse alienated from the possession of the Cleargie, shall only be folowed and obserued, without makynge any valuation, rate, taration, or estimation, other then in the sayde recorde is nowe comprised.

Prrouided alwayes, that forasmuche as the tenth part of the said rate and valuation before mentioned, is yerely payde to your hyghnesse for the sayd perpetuall disme, so as there remayneth only nine partes to the incumbent clere: This Subsidie of foure shyllinges the pounce, shall be bnderstanded and meant of euery pounce onely of the sayde nyne partes, and of no more.

Prrouided alwayes, that no person that is alrede promoted to any spirituall benefice or promotion, sithens the. xxiii. day of May last past, or that hereafter shall be promoted to any spirituall benefice or promotions, on thisside the. xxiii. day of May, whiche shall be in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousande, fye hundred, threescore and nine, by reason wherof he is, shall or may be charged to the payment of the first frutes for the sayde promotion, shall be contributory or charged for the same to your hyghnesse, your heyres or successours, with any part of this Subsidie, duryng the fyrst yere after the acceptaunce of his sayde promotion.

And your sayde Prelates and Cleargie also do graunt, that this Subsidie of. iiii. s. the pounce, of the nine partes of the yerely value of euery promotion spirituall aforesayd, within the sayde prouince, taxed,

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tared, as is aforesaid, shalbe payde to your maiestie, your heyes and successours, within three yerres next ensuyng the date hereof, in manner and fourme folowynge. That is to say, sixteene pence of euery pounce aforesaid, in euery of the said three yerres. The first payment thereof, to be due at the. xxiij. day of May next ensuyng, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fife hundred, three score and seuen. And the seconde payment thereof, to be due at the xxiij. day of May then next folowynge, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand, fife hundred, threescore and eyght. And the thyrde payment thereof, to be due the. xxiij. day of May, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde, a thousand, fife hundred, threescore and nyne: To be deliuered and payde perely by suche person and persons, as in this present graunt shalbe appoynted to haue the collection thereof, to the Lorde hygh Treasurer or vnder Treasurer of Englande, for the time beyng, or to suche other person or persons, and in suche place or places, as it shal please your hyghnes to appoynt, to be payde at or befoze the last day of October, in euery of the sayde three yerres, without paying any thing to the receauer, or to any other officers or persons, to be assigned for the receipt therof, for any acquittaunce or other discharge vpon any suche payment and receipt of the sayde Subsidie, or any part thereof to be geuen and deliuered, but onlye foure pence, and that to the Clarke, for the wytyng of euery of the same acquittaunces, or discharge, for euery of the same paymentes.

Item your sayde graces Prelates and Cleargie also do graunt, that euery Priest, and all other Ecclesiasticall persons, hauing any pension by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colleges, freechappels, Chauntries, fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitals, or of any spirituall dignitie or corporation, nowe dissolved within the sayde prouince of Canterburie, shal lyke wyse paye to your highnes, your heyes and successours, foure shillinges of euery pounce of the sayde pensions, within the sayde three yerres, at suche dayes and tymes as are befoze specified. And that for the sure payment thereof, deduction and retention of the sayde foure shyllinges shalbe made perely in the handes of the payers of the sayde pensions, after the rate and proportion of sixteene pence the pounce euery of the sayde three yerres, to be deliuered and payde by your hyghnes receauers and officers deputed for the payment of suche pensions, vnto your maiesties ble, at suche tyme and to suche persons, as the Subsidie of foure shyllinges the pounce aforesayde, shalbe payde vnto.

Item your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do graunt, that euery Priest or Minister stipendarie, receauing an annuall stipende, being no perpetuall, of sixe poundes, xiii. s. iiii. d. or aboue, within the sayde

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sayde prouince, shall pay vnto the vse of your hyghnes, your heyres and successours, sixe shyllinges and eyght pence, in euery of the said three yere, at suche tyme, and to suche persons, as the sayde Subsidie shall be payde. And for default of payment of the sayde stipendaries, that euery Parson, vicar, or other spirituall or tempoꝛall person, proprietarie, or farmer, hyrnyng any Priest or Minister, to serue in any place, shall be answerable and charged for and with the payment of the sayd. vi. s. viii. d. for the sayd Priest or Minister, euery of the sayde three yeres, and shall and may make retention of his and theyr wages, quarterly, of so much as the sayd stipendaries be charged with by this present graunt, euery of the sayde three yeres.

Item, your said Prelates and Cleargie further do graunt, that euery Archbysshop and Bysshop, and the See beyng voyde, euery Deane and Chaptour of that See voyde, shall be Collectours of this Subsidie within their proper dioces, duryng the sayde three yeres, other then of the pensioners aforesayde. And the sayd Archbysshop, Bysshop, or the See beyng voyde, the Deane and Chaptour, shall certifye into your maiesties court of Erchequer, vnder their seales, the names and surnames of al such stipendarie Priestes and Ministers within their dioces, as be chargeable by this Acte, before the sayde last day of October, yerely duryng the sayde three yeres.

And your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do mosse humbly beseeche your maiestie, that it may be enacted by your sayde maiestie, and your hygh court of Parliament (for the speedy payment of the sayd Subsidie, and to auoyde delayes thereof) that when and as often as any Collectour or Collectours chargeable with the collection of this Subsidie, or of any part thereof, or the deputie or deputies of any of them, shall offer the payment thereof, or of any part thereof, to the vse of your maiestie, your heyres or successours, to any person or persons, appoynted to receaue the same by your hyghnes, or by the sayde Lorde hygh Tresourer or Subtresourer: that the sayde person or persons so appoynted, shall within foure dayes next after such appoyntment, receaue or cause to be receaued, the money so offred to be payde, without any further delay: And shall deliuer one sufficient bil, testifying the receipt thereof, to the said Collectour or his deputie, vpon euery such particuler payment. And that euery suche auditour as is or shall be appoynted to take or receaue the accompt of any such Collectour or Collectours, shall within sixe dayes next after request to him to be made, truely & indifferently take the said accompt, and make allowance, as by this graunt is appoynted, vpon payne that euery such person & persons, appoynted to receaue the summe or summes so offred, and euery such auditour, shall lose and forsayte for euery default or delay to be made, to the sayde Collectour or Collectours, so offering to make payment or accompt,
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as is aforesayde, the summe of tenne poundes, of lawfull money of England, the one moitie therof, to be to your maiestie, your heyres, and successours, and the other moitie to the sayd Collectour or Collectours so greued, the same to be payde vpon complainte made to the sayde Lorde Treasourer, vnder Treasourer, or to the Lord chiefe Baron of your maiesties court of Exchequer, who vpon such complainte, shall presently examine the matter, and finding default, shall commit the offender to warde, there to remayne vntill he shall haue payde the sayde seuerall summes so forsayted.

And for the better leuying and recouering of the sayd Subsidie, your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do likewise most humbly beseeche your highnes, that it may be enacted by your maiestie, and your sayde hygh court of Parliament, in maner and fourme folowynge. That is to say: That euery Collectour of the sayde Subsidie, and of euery part and parcell thereof, and their lawfull deputie or deputies, may haue full power and auctoritie, to vse all such wayes and meanes, and processe, as be prescribed in the Acte of perpetuall disme, for the collection and leuying of the same, and may make accompt thereof, before the Lorde hygh Treasourer or vnder Treasourer of England, for the time beyng, or any other officers by your highnes, or your court of Exchequer, to be appoynted for the same, and in suche place, as your maiestie lykwysse shall assigne, in suche wyse, and after suche fourme onlye, as the sayde Archbishops and Bishops be now charged to make accompt for the sayde perpetuall disme or tenth, wherby is meant, that the lacke and default of payment of and for any particuler promotion or promotions, shall only charge the incumbent or incumbentes, and such others as be bound to pay the same. And that the Archbishop, Bishop, Deane, and Chapitour, gatherynge that whiche they can receaue, and makynge payment thereof, shall for the rest, not by them receaued, be discharged by thei certifiat, to be made before the last day of October in euery of the sayde three yerres, vnto your hyghnes court of Exchequer: And that six pence of euery pounce, wherewith the Collectour shall be charged in his accompt, clearely to be payde into the receipt of your maiesties Exchequer, or into suche other place, as shall please your hyghnes to appoynt, shall be allowed to the sayde Collectour vpon his accompt for the same, in euery of the sayde three yerres, for the charges of collection, postage, safe conueying, and paying of the same Subsidie.

And mozeouer, that it may be enacted lykwysse, that after any payment of the sayde Subsidie shall be once due by vertue of this graunt, in any of the sayde three yerres, if any incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, charged to the payment of the same Subsidie, beyng at any tyme, after that the same payment shall be

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shalbe due, lawfully monished, eyther personally, or at his Dignitie, Stall, Churche, or Mansion house, by the Archbysshop or Bysshop of the dioces, or theyr deputie or deputies, or the Deane and Chaptour, the See beyng voyde, or by any theyr deputie or deputies, aucthoized in that behalfe, to appeare by hym selfe or his deputie, at a certayne day or place of conuenient distaunce, to the sayde incumbent then to be signified and prefired, then and there to pay suche part of the sayde Subsidie, for his benefice or promotion spirituall, as then by vertue of this graunt shalbe due: do not eyther at the same day and place so to hym signified and prefired, truely content and paye, or cause to be contented and payde, the same part of the sayde Subsidie, whiche then by hym shalbe due to be payde, vnto the same Archbysshop, or Bysshop, or to theyr deputie or deputies, or to the Deane and Chaptour of any See beyng voyde, or to their deputie or deputies, or to one of them, shewyng sufficient deputacion from the sayde Archbysshop, Bysshop, or Deane and Chaptour, vnder his or theyr scale in that behalfe, beyng redye at the same day and place so signified and prefired, to receaue the sayde Subsidie then due, and openly demaundyng the same, or els pay the same within fourtie dayes next after any suche prefired daye at the furthest (so that open demaunde be made of the sayde Subsidie, in and at the sayde place and day before prefired:) that then euery Incumbent so makynge default of payment, of his parte of the sayde Subsidie, in any of the sayde three yeres, after suche default thereof certified into your maiesties Erchequer in wytyng, vnder the seale and hande wytyng of any Archbysshop or Bysshop, or of the Deane and Chaptour, the See beyng voyde, charged with the collection of the same Subsidie, so that the sayde certificat shalbe made accordyng to the fourme hereafter expressed, and exhibited into your maiesties sayde court of Erchequer, before the last day of October, in euery of the sayde three yeres: shall forsayte and lose that onely dignitie, benefice, and promotion spirituall, by what name soeuer it be called, for whiche he maketh suche default of payment, and whereof suche certificat shalbe made, and shalbe thereof depyued ipso facto. And the sayde promotion from and after the daye of the deliuerie of the sayde certificat into your hyghnesse Court of Erchequer, shalbe clearly voyde and destitute of Incumbent, in the lawe, to all intents and purposes, as yf suche Incumbent, makynge such default of payment, were dead in deede. And that euery certificat of any suche default of payment, shalbe made accordyng to the tenour and effect ensuyng mutatis mutandis.

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Honorabilibus & egregiis viris, Domino Theſaurario, & Baronibus de Scaccario illuſtriſſimæ dominæ noſtræ, dominæ Elizabeth, Dei gratia, Angliæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ Reginæ, fidei defenſoris. &c. veſter humilis E. permiſſione diuina L. Episcopus, auctoritate, & vigore cuiusdam actus Parlamenti, anno regni dictæ dominæ reginæ octauo editi, & prouiſi, ad colligendum & leuandum ſubſidium eidem dominæ reginæ, in eodem Parlamento per prelatos & Clerum Cantuarienſis prouinciæ conſeſſum, videlicet, pro prima ſolutione inde ſoluenda. xxiiii. die Maii, vltimo præterito, infra diocceſim noſtram. L. deputatus, & auctorizatus omnimodam reuerentiam tantis viris debitam cum honore. Veſtris reuerentiis harum ſerie annuntio, & certiſco me præſatum Episcopum, modo quo præfertur, deputatum & auctorizatum, ſufficeret, & cum omni diligentia requiſiſſe per N. O. deputatum meum in hac parte, de quocunque beneficio & promotione eccleſiaſtica, in quadam ſchedula præſentibus annexa ſpecificatis, ſummas dicti ſubſidii pro dictis beneficiis, & promotionibus debitas, pro prima ſolutione dicti ſubſidii debiti ſoluendi dicto vicesimo quarto die Maii, vltimo præterito, prout in eadem ſchedula præſentibus annexa plenius liquet, & apparet. Sed dictas ſummas ex cauſis in eadem ſchedula allegatis recipere non potui. In cuius rei teſtimonium ſigillum meum præſentibus apponi feci. Datum decimo die. Anno domini milleſimo, quingenteſimo ſexageſimo ſeptimo.

The fourme of whiche ſchedule aboue mentioned, enſueth, videlicet :

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de M.

Decanatus de A. B. Vicarius ibidem monitus fuit apud M. prædictam, die vltimo præterito per. E. D. deputatum meum, ad ſoluendum apud Eccleſiam de L. in comitatu E. die tunc proximè ſequentem illam partem ſubſidii per ſe debitam. xxiiii. die Maii vltimo præterito pro promotione ſua prædicta. Sed prædictus A. B. nec apud Eccleſiam de L. prædictam, eodem die nec alibi per quadraginta dies poſtea, ſummam per ſe debitam, vt præfertur, non ſoluit nec ſatis fecit : neque dictam ſummam de proficuis dictæ promotiones, nec debonis & catallis dicti A. B. aliquo modo leuare ſiue recipere potui.

Provided alwayes, that if any perſon or incumbent chargeable by this Acte or graunt to any payment of this Subſidie, ſhall proffer or tender payment of any ſumme due to the Archbiſhop or Biſhop, or to the Deane and Chapter where the ſee is voyde, or to any deputie or deputies of any Archbiſhop, Biſhop, or Deane and Chaptour aforeſayde, at any tyme before the certiſicat exhibited into the Exchequer, as is aforeſayde, that then notwithstanding the certiſicat made, as is aforeſayde, agaynſt any ſuche perſon, the ſayde incumbent or perſon, agaynſt whom the certiſicat was ſo made, ſhall and may auer the offer or tender of his payment, as is aforeſayde. And if the ſame ſhalbe tryed, eyther by ſufficient wytnelleſſes

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wyttnesses before the Lorde Treasourer or Barons of the Erchequer, or by the tryall of twelue men, bypon an issue therbypon to be ioyned, betwixt the same incumbent, or any other person or persons, that he or any of them dyd offer or tender the payment of the summe due, as is aforesayde: That then euery suche Incumbente shall haue and enioy his promotion or promotions full, as though no certificat of default of such payment hadde ben made or exhibited: Any thying in this graunt or act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And further, that it may be enacted lyke wyse, that euery Arch-bishop, and Bishop, and Deane and Chaptour of euery See vacant, and other persons chargeable to and with the collection of the sayde Subsidie of foure shyllinges the pounce, within the sayde prouince of Canterburie, shall and maye haue bypon euery payment of the same Subsidie, made to the Lorde hygh Treasourer or vnder Treasourer of Englande for the tyme beyng, or to suche other person or persons, in place and places, to whom and where it shall please your hyghnesse, or your courte of Erchequer, to appoynte for the receipte thereof, in euery of the sayde three peres, a sufficient acquittauce, discharge, or Quietus est in wytyng of the sayde Lorde hygh Treasourer, or vnder Treasourer, or of suche other person or persons as eyther your hyghnesse or your sayde court of erchequer shall assigne for the receipt therof, or as heretofore in lyke cases it hath ben accustomed, the same acquittauce, discharge, or Quietus est, witnessynge the receipte of as muche of the same summe of the sayde Subsidie, as shalbe so receaued. And that euery suche acquittauce, discharge, or Quietus est, in wytyng, sealed or subscribed with the name or names of the sayde Lorde hygh Treasourer, or vnder Treasourer, for the tyme beyng, or of suche Auditour, or other person or persons, as it shall please your hyghnesse, or your sayde courte of erchequer to appoynt for the same receipt, or of suche others as heretofore in lyke cases it hath ben used, shall and may be good and effectuell in the lawe, and be also as sufficient discharge to all and euery of the sayde Collectours, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as yf the same were made by acte of Parliament. And that euery of the sayde Collectours shall pay but only three shyllings and fourepence, for euery general and finall acquittauce, discharge or Quietus est, for euery peres payment of the said Subsidie. And also that euery particuler acquittauce, which bypon payment of any parte of the sayde Subsidie, shall be made by any Collectour or Collectours of the same Subsidie, or of any

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payment thereof, or by his or their deputie or deputies in that behalf, to any Incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, or to any other person or persons, contributozie and chargeable to and with the same Subsidie, or any parte or payment thereof, shalbe good and effectuell in the lawe, and a full and sufficient discharge to every such Incumbent and other person, and his benefice or promotion spirituall, of and for all such summe and summes of money, as by the same acquittance shalbe acknowledged to be receaved, in respecte of the same benefice or promotion spirituall, for any payment or part of the same Subsidie. And that none acquittance of any person or persons, made before such certificat, shall in any wyse discharge any person or promotion, for any parte of this Subsidie, nor of any payne, penaltie, or forfeiture, specified in this graunt.

And to the intent it may be knowen to the Courte of the Exchequer, who be the deputie or deputies of every such Archbishop, Bishop, or Deane and Chaptour, able to make acquittance: Every Archbishop, Bishop, and Deane and Chaptour of any See beyng boyde, shall verely, with the certificat of the names of stipendarie Priestes, certifie the name and names of every the deputies, to be appoynted as is aforesayde.

Provided alwayes, that no spirituall promotions, or any landes, possessions, or reuenues annexed to the same, beyng charged by this graunt of the prouince of Canterburie, or any goodes or cattelles, growyng, beyng, or renuyng vpon the same, or els where, appertaynyng to the owners of the sayde spirituall promotions, or of any of them, shalbe charged or made contributozie to any fyfteenth or tenth, or any other Subsidie already graunted to your hyghnes by the laitie, or hereafter to be graunted duryng the tearme of the said three yeres.

Provided also, that all Deanes, Archdeacons, Dignities, Masters, Wardens, and Prebendaries, of all Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches, and Colleges, or of any of them, within the sayde prouince, shalbe charged with this Subsidie for those possessions, reuenues, and portions onely, whiche to their seuerall promotions, Dignities, and Romes, are clearely and distinctly limited, and to their owne onely vles seuered, thereof to paye the tenth part, beyng deducted, foure shyllynges of every pounce, within the sayde three yeres, in maner and fourme as is aboue rehearsed. And that all those rentes, possessions, profites, portions, hereditaments, and spirituall promotions, and every of them, heretofore by your hyghnes, or any your Maiesties noble progenitours, or any other person

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person or persons whatsoeuer, geuen, graunted bequeathed, deuised, or impropried vnto the sayde Cathedral or Collegiate Churches or Colleges, or to any of them, whiche any wayes be assigned or vsed, eyther for or towards the yerely mayntenaunce of poore men, schoolemaisters, bishers, gramarians, peticanons, vicars, chorall readers of diuinitie, syngyng men, chorysters, bergeres, or of any other necessarye and dayly officers or ministers, in suche cathedral and collegiat Churches or Colleges, or any of them, or for, or towards the reedifyng or repayryng of any of the same Cathedral or Collegiate Churches or Colleges, commonlye called *ad fabricam Ecclesie*, shall not be charged with any part of this Subsidie. The certaintie of whiche portions, aswell chargeable to this Subsidie, as not chargeable in this behalfe, the Archbyschop, or Byschop of the dioces, or the See beyng voyde, the Deane and Chaptour, vpon due searche and examination, shall certifie vnder his or their seale, into your hyghnes sayde court of Exchequer, before the sayde last day of October, in euery of the sayde three yerres.

Provided alwayes, that euery Parson, Vicar, or other spirituall person, paying any pension, whereof none allowaunce is made in the valuation of his promotion or benefice, shall and maye reteyne sixteene pence of euery pounce, of euery suche pension euery yere, duryng the sayde three yerres, to his owne reliefe, in consideration that he is charged to paye this Subsidie of foure shyllynges the pounce, out of euery pounce of the whole value of his promotion.

Provided also, and your sayde Prelates and Cleargie do mosse humblye beseeche your hyghnesse, that it may be enacted by your Maiesties auctoritie, and your hygh courte of Parliament, that where certaine landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, tythes, pensions, portions, frutes, and other hereditamentes, lately belongyng to diuers Cathedral Churches, and to other places and persons Ecclesiasticall, within the sayde prouince of Canterbury, which were geuen and assigned to be bestowed and spent to and on the syndyng and mayntaynyng of certayne Chauntries, Anniuersaries, Obites, Lyghtes, Lampes, and other lyke charges, intentes, and purposes, of late came into the handes and possession of the late kynge of famous memorie Edward the first, by force of a statute thereof made in the firste yere of his late raigne, as by the sayde statute more playnely appeareth: That the sayde Cathedral Churches, and the Byschoppes, Deanes, or Presidenters and Chaptours of the same, and all other places and persons, or any of them, to whom the sayde landes, rentes, and all other the premyssees or any of them, dyd lately appertayne: shall not duryng the sayde three yerres, be charged to and with any payment of Subsidie, of and for that part or portion of landes, tenementes, rentes, spiritual

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promotions and other hereditamentes, or any of them, wherebnto the sayde late kyng by force of the sayde statute was intituled or possessed of, nor of or for any yerely rentes or paymentes, goyng out or due to be payde bnto your Maiestie out of the premisses, nor any part therof: But only of and for al and singuler landes, tenements, rentes, spirituall promotions, tythes, pensions, portions, frutes, and other hereditamentes, whiche do yet styll remayne not disseuered from the handes and possession of the sayde cathedrall Churches, and other the places and persons Ecclesiasticall aforesayde. And that deduction and allowaunce thereof be made to them and euery of them accordyngly, in and vpon euery payment of this saide Subsidie, out of the whole value, taration, and estimation, made for the payment of the sayde perpetuall disme or tenth, remaynyng of recoorde in your hyghnesse Courte of Exchequer, for that rate and portion of landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, and other hereditamentes, and for those yerely paymentes wherebnto the sayde late kyng was intituled or possessed of, or whiche otherwyle haue ben seuered from the possessions of the sayde Cathedrall Churches, and other places and persons aforesayde, by force of the statute premised: The same Acte, or any other Acte or Actes whatsoever, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrarye, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this subsidie graunted by the Cleargie, shall not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice, house of studentes, or Colledge, scituate or set within eyther of the Uniuersities of Oxforde and Cambridge, or of any other benefice or other reuenues, bnto the sayde houses or Colleges in the sayde Uniuersities, or in eyther of them, or to any house of studentes or Colledge in any of the same Uniuersities, vnited, appropriated, or appertaynyng, or of the Colleges of Wyndesor, or Eaton nygh Wyndesor, or of the Colledge called Saint Marie Colledge by Wyndchester, founded by wylliam Wickham, sometyme Byshop of Wyndchester, or of any Hospitales, or Grammer schooles, or of any other Church, benefice, or other reuenues, to the sayde Uniuersities, houses, colledges, hospitales, almes houses, almes halles, or Grammer schooles, or to any of them, annexed, appropriated, or otherwyle appertaynyng.

Provided alwayes, that all Parsons, vicars, and other Ecclesiasticall persons, whose benefices be not aboue sire poundes, thirteene shyllinges and foure pence by yere, after the taration aforesayde, shall not be charged with this Subsidie, or any part therof.

Provided also, that every vicar, whose benefice is aboue sire poundes thirteene shyllinges and foure pence, and not aboue tenne poundes by yere, after the taration aforesayde, shall paye euery yere

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vere of the sayde thre yeres, only. *xl. s. viii. d.* for his part of the said Subsidie, as stipendarie Priestes be charged to pay by force of this graunt, and not other wyse.

Provided also, that euery Prieste, and all other Ecclesiasticall or late religious persons, hauyng a pension by reason of the dissoluti- on of the late Monasteries, Colleges, free Chappelles, Chauntries, fraternities, Guildes, and Hospitals, or any other incorporations within the prouince of Canterburie, or any of them, and beyng of the summe of fourtie shyllynges or vnder, and not aboue, shall not be charged or chargeable for any such pension: Any thyng contey- ned in this graunt to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And for the sure and true payment of this Subsidie, graunted by your sayde Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterbu- rie, accordyng to the tenour, purporte, effecte, and true meanyng of this present graunt: Your sayde Prelates and Cleargie mosse humbly desyre your hyghnes, that this their sayde gyfte, graunte, and Subsidie, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, clause, prouisions and sentences in this instrument conteyned, concer- nyng the sayde Subsidie, maye be ratified, establyshed, and con- firmed by the aucthoritie of your hyghnes courte of Parlia- ment.

Wherefore, for the true and sure payment of the saide Subsidie, graunted by the sayde prelates and Cleargie of the sayde prouince of Canterbury, accordyng to the tenour, effect, and true meanyng of the sayde Instrument: Be it enacted by the Queenes Maiestie, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the com- mons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthori- tie of the same, that the sayde gyfte and graunt, and euery matter, summe of money, petition, prouision, clause, and sentence in the sayde Instrument conteyned, shall stande and be ratified, established and confirmed by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament.

And furthermore, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that euery person that shalbe appoynted to the collection and gathering of the sayde Subsidie, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to le- uie, take, and perceauie the same Subsidie, by the aucthoritie of the censures of the Church: That is to say, by suspension, ex- communication, or interdiction, and also by sequestration of the fruites and profites of their benefices and promotions spirituall, in whose handes soeuer they be, and to make sale of the same fruites, without daunger of the lawes of this Realme, or by distresse vpon the possession of the farmours or occuppers of the landes and tenementes, chargeable by the sayde Instrument, for or to the pay- ment of any summe or sumes of money, to be due by force therof, or other.

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otherwylse, by the discretion of the Collectour thereof. And that no Repleuie, Prohibition, or Superseas shall be allowed or obeyed for any person or persons, making default of payment of the sayde Subsidie, contrarie to the tenour of the graunt thereof, vntill such tyme as they haue truly satisfied and contented all such parte and portions, as to them in that behalfe appertayneth. And that euery suche farmour and farmours, their executours and assignes, that shall fortune hereafter to be charged to and with the payment of the sayde Subsidie, or any parte thereof, shall by the auctoritie aforesayde, be allowed and retayne in his handes, as muche of his yerely rent and farme, as the summe whiche he shall fortune to paye for his Lorde or Leassour shall extende vnto, excepte the sayde farmour or farmours, their executours, and assignes, by the lease and graunt that they haue of any part of the landes, tythes, profites, and tenementes, chargeable to this sayde Subsidie, or by force of any couenaunt or article therein conteyned, be bounden and charged to paye the same, and thereof to discharge their Leassour and Landlorde, duryng the tearme mentioned in the sayde lease.

And lykwylse, be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that where diuers Curates, liable to this Subsidie, beyng oftentimes remouable, do serue aswell diuers impropriations belonging to the Queenes Maiestie, as in other impropriations, and in other spiritaall promotions belonging to other persons, that for the speedy recovery of the sayde Subsidie, it may be lawfull to the Collectour or Collectours of the sayde Subsidie, their deputie or deputies, to leuie the sayde Subsidie vppon the farmour and farmours, or occupiers of all suche impropriations and spirituall promotions, by all censures of the Church aforesayde, and euery of them, or by way of distresse of the tythes of the sayde impropriation or impropriations and spirituall promotions, or otherwylse, vppon the goodes and cattelles of the sayde farmour or farmours and occupiers, in whiche case, no inhibition, prohibition, repleuie, or other processe awarded to the contrarie, shall be obeyed: Any lawes, statutes, priuileges, or customes, to the contrary hereof, heretofore made, graunted, or bled, or hereafter to be made, graunted, or bled, to the contrary, in any wylse notwithstanding.

And that it may be lawfull to the Collectours, and the officers and ministers of such Archbysshop, Bysshop, or Deane and Chaptour, for not paymente of the sayde Subsidie, after the same shall be due in any of the sayde three yeres, to prayse and value the sayd distresse or distresses, by two indifferent neyghbours by hym to be chosen, and the distresse or distresses so prayled, to sell, and therof to deteyne so

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so muche money, as shall amount to the summe payable to the Queenes Maiestie, with the reasonable charges also of the sayde Collectour susteyned in that behalfe, and the relie of the money made of the sayde distresse, to be deliuered and payde to the owner or occupper therof.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that every lay person, hauyng spirituall promotion, chargeable by this Acte, and also hauyng temporall possessions, goodes, cattels, and debtes, chargeable to the Subsidie graunted in this parliament by the temporaltie, shalbe charged, tared, and set, for his sayde spirituall promotions with the Cleargie, and for his temporall possessions and chattelles real with the temporaltie, and not otherwyse: Any thyng before mentioned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and every graunt and grauntes, of all and every summe and summes of money, whiche hereafter shalbe graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by the Cleargie of the prouince of Yorke, shalbe of the same strength, force, and effect in all thynges, as the sayde graunt made by the sayde prouince of Canterburie, and shalbe tared, certified, collected, leuied, gathered, and payde, accordyng to the tenor, fourme and effect of this present Acte of Parliament, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, in suche maner and fourme, as though it were specially, playnely, and particularly expressed, and rehearsed in this Act by expresse wordes, tearmes, and sentences, in their seuerall natures and kyndes.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all prouisoos before rehearsed, conteyned in the sayde graunt of the prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterbury, and the lyke of the same prouisions hereafter to be conteyned in the graunt of the prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Yorke, shalbe good and effectuell, and to be obserued and kept in every poynt and article, accordyng to the true purpørte and meanyng of the same.

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[An Acte of one Twyftene
and Tenth, and of one Subsidie, graunted
by the Temporaltie.]



¶ *E* your Maiesties moſte humble Subiectes, meanyng (accoꝝdyng to our moſt bounden dueties) to preſent vnto your Maieſtie, by waye of Subſidie, ſome reliefe, foꝝ the great extraordinary charges ſuſteyned in the defence of your Maieſties dominions and countreys, agaynſt ſundry dangerous attemptes: can not foꝝbeare, but with all humbleneſſe, moſt thankfully to ſet befoꝝe the ſame our moſt lowly thankes, foꝝ three ſpeciall matters proceadyng from your Maieſtie, to our benefite, ſoꝝ, and comfort, in this preſent aſſemblee.

Fiꝛſt, foꝝ the moſt princely conſideration hadde of vs, in the foꝝbearyng at this tyme ſome poꝝtion of that, which accoꝝdyng to the greatneſſe and neceſſitie of your affayres, we of duetie meant and intended to haue yelded vnto your Maieſtie.

Secondly, foꝝ the moſt comfortable aſſuraunce and promiſe, by your Maieſtie made and declared vnto vs, that foꝝ our weale and ſuretie, your Maieſtie woulde marry, alſoone as God ſhoulde geue you opoꝝtunitie to accompliſhe the ſame, wherof we haue receaued infinite comfort, and ſhall pray to almighty God to further and proſper all your Maieſties actions tending therevnto, that we your moſt naturall ſubiectes, maye ſpeedily ſee ſome noble iſſue of your body, to continue perpetually by diſſent the ſucceſſion of this imperiall crowne.

Thirdly, foꝝ the great hope and comfort we haue conceaued, by the meanes of your Maieſties moſt honourable ſpeache vttered and declared vnto vs, of your moſt gracious and princely diſpoſition and determination, when time ſhall thervnto ſerue conveniently, with the ſuretie of your Maieſties perſon, and the weale and tranquillitie of your Realme, to haue due regarde to the further ſtablyſhyng of the ſucceſſion of your imperiall Crowne, as lawe and iuſtice ſhall require the ſame, after the ſucceſſion of thiſſue of your body. In which your gracious diſpoſition and care foꝝ vs, we moſt humbly beſeche almighty God to continue your Maieſtie, and to proſper

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your intentions and actions, to establishe that, which with assent of your Realme in Parliament, may be agreeable and consonant to lawe and iustice, and to remayne to all ages hereafter inuiolable, and to the prayse, honour, and memorie of your Maiestie, and yours perpetually: And that touchyng the graunt of your sayd Subsidie, it may be enacted in maner and fourme folowyng.

BE IT ENACTED, that your highnesse, towarde the great charges of this your Realme, and for the better maintainaunce of your royall estate, shall haue by auctoritie of this present Parliament, one fyfteene and Tenth, to be payde, taken, and leuied, of the moueable goodes, cattelles, and other thynges vsuall to such fyfteene and Tenth, to be contributorye and chargeable within the Shires, Cities, Boroughes, Townes, and other places of this your Maiesties Realme, in maner and fourme aforesayde vsed: except the summe of fire thousande poundes thereof fully to be deducted, in reliefe, comfort, and discharge of the poore Townes, Cities, and Boroughes, of this your sayde Realme, wasted, desolate, or destroyed, or ouergreatly impouerished, after such rate as was and hath afoze this tyme ben had and made to euery Shire, and to be deuided in such maner and fourme, as heretofore for one whole fyfteene and Tenth, hath ben had and deuided. And the sayde fyfteene and Tenth (the exception and deduction aforesayde, thereupon had, deducted, and allowed) to be payde in maner and fourme folowyng: That is to say, the one moitie thereof (except before excepted) to be payde to your highnesse, in the receipt of your highnesse Erchequer, before the first day of Nouember, which shall be in the yere of our Lorde God. 1567. And the other moitie of the sayde fyfteene and Tenth (except before excepted) to be payde to your highnesse, in the sayde receipt of your Erchequer, before the first day of Nouember, which shall be in the yere of our Lorde God. 1568.

AND BE IT FVRTHER ENACTED by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the Knightes elected and returned, of and for the Shires within this Realme, for this present Parliament, Citizens of Cities, Burgeses of Boroughes and Townes, where collectours haue ben bled to be named and appoynted, for the collection of any fyfteene and Tenth, before this tyme graunted, shall name and appoynt onely before the last day of August, in either of the sayde twoo yeres, sufficient and able persons, for the collection of the sayde seuerall moities of the sayde fyfteene and Tenth, in euery of the sayde Shires, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, the sayde persons then hauyng landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in his or their owne ryght, of an estate of inheritaunce, of the yerely value of. x.li. or in goodes worth a C.li. at the least. And also such
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person or persons, so by them to be named and appoynted for the collection of the seuerall moities of the sayde fyftee and Tenth, shalbe by them seuerally appoynted and allotted, into Hundreides, Rapes, wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes. And also the sayde persons so named and appoynted for the collection of the sayd seuerall moities of the sayde fyftee and Tenth, shalbe seuerally charged and chargeable vpon his or their accompt or accomptes, in the Erchequer to be made, with the seuerall moities of all suche summe or summes of money, as the Hundreides, Rapes, wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, where he or they shall so happen to be appoynted, shall amount vnto, and of no more summe or summes, and vpon the payment of such summes of money, as he or they shall so be charged with, shalbe discharged, and haue his and their *Quietus est*, the non accomptyng, or non payment of any other his felowes, or the insufficiencie of them, or any of them, notwithstanding. And the names and surnames of euery of the sayde collectours, for the seuerall moities of the sayd fyftee and Tenth, during either of the sayde two yeres, together with the place allotted to their collection and charge, the sayde knyghtes, Citizens, and Burgeses, for the Shires, Cities, and Boroughes, wherevnto they be elected, named, and returned: shall certifie before the Queene in her Chauncerie, before the tenth day of October, in euery of the same two yeres, accordyng to the tenour of this Acte. And yf default of any such certifying be had or made, in fourme as is aforesayde: then the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or keper of the great Seale for the tyme being, shall immediately after, name and appoynt collectours, for the collection of either of the sayde moities of the sayde fyftee and Tenth, in maner and fourme as the sayde knyghtes of the Shire, Citizens of Cities, and Burgeses of Borroughes shoulde haue done, and as aforesayde hath ben vbled. The which sayde collectours, and euery of them, so to be named and appoynted as is aforesayde, shall haue allowaunce vppon their accomptes, for their fees, wages, and rewardes, for the collection of the moitie of the sayde fyftee and Tenth, ratably, in as large maner and fourme, as any collectour or collectours of any fyftee and Tenth, haue had at any season in tyme past. And that the Barons of the Queenes Erchequer for the tyme being, shall and may from tyme to tyme, awarde such procelle for the speedy payment of the sayde seuerall moities of the sayde fyftee and Tenth, agaynst the collectour and collectours of the same, as by their discretions shalbe thought conuenient.

Prourded alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde Lorde Chauncelour, or keper of the great Seale for the tyme being, knyghtes of the Shire, Citi-

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zens of Cities, and Burgeses of Boroughes, Townes, and other places, hauing auctoritie by this present Acte, to nominate the sayde Collectours, of or for the collection of the seuerall moities of the sayde fyfteene and Tenth: Shall vpon their nomination and election had and made, take by auctoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient Recognisaunces, or obligation, of euery person so by them to be named, to be bounde to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the summe of their collection, & to be endorsed vpon such condition, that if the said collectour or collectours do truly content and pay, to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, in her receipt of the Erchequer, at or before the sayde firste day of Nouember, in euery of the sayde two yerres, so much of the summe of money, allotted and appoynted to his collection, as the same collectour shall haue collected and gathered, and do lyke wyse after the sayd first day of the moneth of Nouember, in euery of the sayd two yerres, content and pay to the Queenes Maiesties vse, at the same receipt, the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after such tyme as he shall haue gathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayde Recognisaunce or obligation to be boide, or els to stande in his full strength and vertue. which Recognisaunce or obligation so taken, the sayd knyghtes of the Shire, Citizens, and Burgeses, and euery of them, takyng any such Recognisaunces or obligation, shall certifie and deliuer to the Lorde Treasourer, and Barons of the same Erchequer, before the same first day of Nouember, in euery of the sayd two yerres, vpon payne of forfaiture of .x.li. to the Queenes hyghnesse, for euery Recognisaunce or obligation so to be taken and not certified. And that euery suche collectour, vpon request to hym made, shall make and knowledge the same Recognisaunce or obligation accor dyngly, vpon lyke payne and forfaiture, of .x.li. to the Queene, for his refusall thereof. And that the Treasourer and Barons of the Erchequer, for the tyme beyng, vpon the payment of the same collection, at the sayde dayes, shall cancell and deliuer the sayde Recognisaunce or obligation, to the sayde collectour or collectours, without any other warraunt, and without any fee or rewarde to be payde to any person for the same.

And furthermore, for the great and wayghtie considerations aforesayde, we the Lordes spirituall & temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, do by our like assent and auctoritie of this Parliament, geue and graunt to your highnesse our sayde Soueraigne Ladye the Queenes Maiestie, your heires and successours, one entyre Subsidie, to be rated, tared, leuied, and payde at two seuerall paymentes, of euery person spiritual and temporal, of what estate or degree he or they be of, accor dyng to the tenour of this Acte, in maner and fourme folowynge. That is to say, aswell
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of euery person borne within this Realme of Englande, wales, or other the Queenes dominions, as of all and euery fraternitie, Guilde, Corporacion, Miserie, Brotherhead, and Cominaltie, corporated or not corporated, within this Realme of England, wales, or other the Queenes dominions, beyng worth three poundes, for euery pounce, aswell in coyne, and the value of euery pounce that euery such person, fraternitie, guylde, corporacion, miserie, brotherhead, comminaltie corporate or not corporate, hath of his or theyr owne, or any other to his or their vse: as also plate, stocke of marchaundizes, all maner of coyne and grayne, household stuffe, and of all other goodes moueable, aswell within this Realme, as without, and of all such summes of money as to him or them is or shalbe owyng, wherof he or they trust in his or their conscience surelye to be payd: Except, and out of the premisses deducted, such summes of money as he or they owe, and in his or their conscience intendeth trulye to paye, and except also the apparell of euery suche persons, their wiues and chyl dren belonging to their owne bodies, sauynge iewels, golde, syluer, stone, and pearle: shall pay to and for the first payment of the said Subsidie. xii. d. of euery pounce, and to and for the second payment of the sayd Subsidie. x. d. of euery pounce. And also euery alien and straunger, borne out of the Queenes obeyesance, aswell denizen as others, inhabiting within this Realme, of euery pounce that he or they haue in coyne, & the value of euery pounce in plate, coyne, grayne, marchaundizes, household stuffe, or other goodes, iewels, cattelles, moueable or immouable, as is aforesayde, aswell within this Realme as without, and of all summes of money to hym or them owyng, whereof he or they truste in his or theyr conscience to be payde: Except, and out of the same premisses deducted euery such summe or summes of money whiche he or they do owe, and in his or their conscience or consciences intende trulye to pay: shall pay of and for euery pounce to & for the first payment of the sayd Subsidie. ii. s. and to and for the seconde payment of the sayd Subsidie. xx. d. of euery pounce. And also that euery alien and straunger, borne out of the Queenes dominions, beyng denizen or not denizen, not beyng contributozie to any the rates abouesayde, shall pay to and for the first payment of the sayde Subsidie. iiii. d. and to and for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie. ii. d. for euery polle. And the maister, or he or she with whom the same alien is or shalbe abiding at the tyme of the taxation or taxations therof, to be charged with the same, for lacke of payment therof.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that euery person borne vnder the Queenes obeyesance, and euery Corporacion, fraternitie, Guylde, Miserie, Brotherhead, and Comminaltie corporate or not corporate, for euery pounce that euery of the

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same persons, and euery corporacion, fraternitie, gylde, misterie, brotherhead, and comminaltie corporate, or not corporate, or any other to his or their vse, hath in fee simple, fee taylor, for terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, by execution, wardship, or by copie of court roll, of & in any honours, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, hereditamentes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yerely profites, of the yerely value of .xx. s. as well within auncient demene, and other places priuiledged, or els where, and so by wardes: shall pay to and for the first payment of the sayde Subsidie. xvi. d. of and for euery pounce, and to and for the second payment of the said Subsidie. xvi. d. of and for euery pounce. And euery alien, denizen or not denizen, borne out of the Quenes obeyssaunce, in such case to pay at the first of the sayde paymentes. ii. s. viii. d. of euery pounce, and at the second payment. ii. s. viii. d. of and for euery pounce. And that all summes presented and chargeable by this Acte eyther for goodes and debtes, or either of them, or for landes and tenementes, and other the premisses, as is in this Acte conteyned, shalbe at eyther of the sayde paymentes set and taxed after the rate and portion accordyng to the true meanyng of this Acte (landes & tenementes chargeable to the dismes of the Cleargie, and yerely wages due to seruantes for their yerely seruice, other then the Quenes seruantes, takyng yerely wages of b. li. or aboue, onlpe excepted and forprised.) And that all plate, coyne, iewels, goodes, debtes, and cattelles personals, being in the rule and custodie of any person & persons, to the vse of any corporacion, fraternitie, gylde, misterie, brotherhead, or any comminaltie, being corporate or not corporate, be and shalbe rated, set and charged by reason of this Act, as the value certified by the presentours of that certificat, of euery pounce in goodes and debtes as is abouesayde, and of euery pounce in landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yerely profites as is abouesayde, and the summes that are before rehearsed set and taxed, to be leuied and taken of them that shall haue suche goodes in custodie, or otherwyle charged for landes as is before rehearsed. And the same person or persons and body corporate, by aucthoritie of this act, shalbe discharged against him or them that shal or ought to haue the same, at the time of the payment or deliuerie therof, or at his other wise departure from the custodie or possession of & same. Except and alwayes forprised from the charge & assessement of this Subsidie all goodes, cattels, iewels, and ornamentes of Churches, and Chappels, whiche haue ben ordeyned and bled in Churches or Chappels for the honour and seruice of almyghtie God.

And the first payment of the sayd Subsidie, shalbe by thaucthoritie aforesaide taxed, assessed, and rated accordyng to this Act, in euery Shire, Ridyng, Lathe, wapentake, Rape, Citie, Borrough, Towne, and

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and euery other place, within this Realme of England and Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, before the tenth day of february next commyng. And the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe by the auctoritie aforesayde, taxed, assessed, and rated, before the tenth day of february, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. lxxii. And the particuler summes of euery Shire, Riding, Borrough, Towne, and other places aforesaide, with the particuler names of suche as are chargeable for and to the first payment of the said Subsidie, to be taxed and set by the commissioners to the same limited, or two of the at the least, with the names of the high Collectours, & in the same fourme shalbe certified into the Queenes Erchequer, before the tenth day of Marche next comming. And the particuler summes of euery Shire, Riding, Borrough, Towne, and other places aforesayde, with the particuler names of suche as are chargeable for and to the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, to be taxed and set by Commissioners to the same to be limited, or two of them at the least, with the names of the hygh Collectours, and in the same fourme shalbe certified into the Queenes Erchequer, before the tenth day of Marche, which shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. lxxii. And the said summes in fourme aforesayde, to be taxed to & for the first payment of the said Subsidie, shalbe payd into the Queenes receipt of her Erchequer aforesaide to the vse of our saide Soueraigne Lady, before the first day of Apryll next comyng. And the saide summes, in maner and fourme aforesayde to be taxed for the seconde payment of the sayd Subsidie, shalbe payde into the receipt aforesayde, to the vse aforesayde, before the first day of April, which shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. lxxiii. And the summe abouesaid of and for the saide Subsidie, shalbe taxed, set, asked, and demaunded, taken, gathered, leuied, and payde, to the vse of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, her heires, and successours in fourme abouesayde, as well within the liberties, fraunchesis, sanctuaries, auncient demeane, and other whatsoeuer place, exempt or not exempt, as without: except such hires, places, and persons, as shalbe forreprised, in and by this present Acte: Any graunt, charter, prescription, vse, or libertie, by reason of any letters patentes, or other priuiledge, prescription, allowaunce of the same, or whatsoeuer other matter of discharge heretofore to the contrary made, graunted, bled, or obteyned, notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that euery suche person, as well such as be borne vnder the Queenes obeyssaunce, as euery other person straunger borne, denizen or not denizen, inhabytyng within this Realme, or within Wales or other the Queenes dominions, whiche at the tyme of the sayde assellynges or taxations, or eyther of them, to be hadde or made

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made, shalbe out of this Realme, and out of wailes, and haue goodes
or cattels, landes, or tenementes, fees, or annuities, or other profits
within this Realme, or in wailes, shalbe charged and chargeable for
the same by the certificat of the inhabitauntes of the place, where
such goodes, cattels, landes, tenementes or other the premises then
shalbe, or in such other place where such person, or his factour, depu-
tie, or attourney, shal haue his most resort vnto, within this Realme
or in wailes, in like maner as if the sayd person were or had ben at
time of the said assellying within this Realme. And that euery persō
abiding or dwelling within this Realme, or without this Realme,
shalbe charged or chargeable to the same Subsidy graunted by this
Act, accordyng and after the rate of such yerely substaunce, or value
of landes and tenementes, goodes, cattels, and other the premises,
as euery person so to be charged shalbe set at in the time of the saide
assellying or taxation vpon hym to be made, and in none other wyse.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that for
the sellying and orderyng of the sayde Subsidy, to be duely had, the
Lord Chauncelour of England, or the Lord keper of the great seale,
the Lorde treasurer of England, the Lord steward of the Queenes
maiesties houtholde, the Lord president of the Queenes honorable
councell, and the Lorde priuie seale for the tyme beyng, or two of
them at the least, whereof the Lorde Chauncellour of England, or
keper of the great seale for the tyme beyng to be one: shall and may
name and appoynt, of and for euery Shire & Riding, and other pla-
ces, as well within this Realme, as in wailes, & other the Queenes
dominions, and also of and for euery citie and towne, being a coun-
tie of it selfe, and of and for the Isle of wyght, such certain number
of persons of euery of the same Shires, Rydings, Lathes, wapen-
takes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Isle of wyght, and euery other
place, as they shall thynke conuenient, to be commissioners of and
within the same place wherof they be inhabitauntes, and also of
and for the honorable houtholde of the Queenes maiestie, in what
shire or other places the said household shall happen then to be. And
the Lord Chauncelour, or Lorde keper of the great seale, and other
with him before named, or two of them as is aforesayd, in lyke ma-
ner may name & appoynt of euery other suche borough and towne
corporate, as well in Englande, as in wailes and other the Queenes
dominions, as they shall thynke requisite. bi. b. iiii. iii. or two of the
head officers and other honest inhabitauntes of euery of the sayde
Cities, Boroughes, & Townes corporate, accordyng to the number
and multitude of the people beyng in the same. The which persons
yf any such be therevnto named, of the sayde inhabitauntes of the
sayde Boroughes and Townes corporate, not beyng Counties of
them selues, shall be ioyned and put in as Commissioners, with the
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persons named for such Shires & Ridings, as the sayd Borroughes and Townes corporate, not beyng Counties in them selues, be set, and haue their beyng. which persons so named, for and of the sayd Borroughes and Townes corporate, not beyng Counties, by reason of their dwelling in the same, shall not take vpon them, nor none of them, to put any part of their Commission in execution for the premisses, out of the sayd Borroughes and Townes corporate, wherein they be so named onely, nor to execute the sayd Commission within the Borrough or Towne corporate where they be so dwelling, but at such dayes and tymes as the sayde other Commissioners for the same Shire and Riding, shall thereunto limit and appoynt, within the same Borrough or Towne corporate, not beyng Countie corporate, whereof they be so named, and not out of such Borrough or Towne: and in that maner to be apdyng, and assysting with the said other Commissioners, in, and for the good executyng of the effect of the sayde Commission, vpon payne of euery of the sayde Commissioners, so named for euery such Citie, Borrough, & Towne corporate, not beyng a Countie, to make such fine as the said other Commissioners in the Commission of and for the same Shire or Riding so named, or three of them at the least, shall by their discretions set, and certifie into the Queenes Exchequer, there to be leuied to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, in lyke maner as yf such or lyke summes had ben set and rated vpon euery such person for the said Subsidie.

The which Commissioners, so named of and for the sayd Cities, Borroughes, and Townes, not beyng Counties, and only put in the sayde Commission by reason of their dwelling in the same, shall not haue any part of the portion of the fees and rewardes of the Commissioners and their clarkes, in this Acte afterwarde specified and alowed. And the Lorde Chauncellour of England, or the keeper of the great Seale of Englande for the tyme beyng, shall make and direct out of the court of the Chauncerie, vnder the great Seale, seuerall Commissions: that is to say, to euery Shire, Riding, Lathe, wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borrough, Isle, and Householde, vnto such person and persons, as by his discretion, and any of the other with hym afore named and appoynted, as is afore rehearsed, shall be thought sufficient, for the sessyng and leuyng of the sayde Subsidie, in all Shires and places, accordyng to the true meanyng of this Acte. which Commission for the first payment of the sayde Subsidie, shall be directed and deliuered to the sayd Commissioners, or to one of them, before the. xx. day of Januarie next commyng: And the Commission for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shall be directed and deliuered to the sayde Commissioners, or one of the, before the. xx. day of January, which shall be in the yere of our Lord God, 1567. And to euery of the said Commissions
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ten Scedules, contaynyng in them the tenour of this Acte, shalbe assyled. By which Commission, the Commissioners in euery such Commission, named accordyng to this Acte, and as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the sayd Commission, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to put the effect of the same Commission in execution: And that by auctoritie of this Acte, after such Commissions to them directed, they may by their assentes and agreementes, seuer them selues for the execution of their Commission, in Hundzedes, Lathes, wardes, Rapes, wapentakes, Townes, Parishes, and other places within the limittes of their sayd Commission, in such fourme as to them shall seeme expedient, to be ordered, and betweene them to be communed and agreed, accordyng to the tenour and effect of the Commission to them therein directed. Upon which seuerance, euery person of this present Parliament that shalbe Commissioner, shalbe assigned into the Hundzed where he dwelleth.

Prouiided alwayes, that no person be or shalbe compelled to be any Commissioner, to, and for the execution of this present Acte, but only in the Shire where he dwelleth and inhabiteth, and that any person beyng assigned to the contrary therof, in any wyse shall not be compelled to put in execution the effect of this Acte, or any part thereof.

And it is also enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the Commissioners, and euery of them, which shalbe named, limited, and appoynted accordyng to this Acte, to be Commissioners in euery such Shire, Ridyng, Lathe, wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and the sayde Householde, or any other place, and none other: shall truely, effectually, and diligently for their part, execute the effect of this present Acte, accordyng to the tenour thereof in euery behalfe, and none other wyse, by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dread, malice, of any other thyng to be attempted and done by them, or any of them, to the contrary thereof. And the sayde Commissioners, and as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the sayde Commission, and none other, for the execution of the sayde Commission and Acte, shall for the taration of the sayde first payment of the sayde Subsidie, before the last day of January next commyng: And for the taration of the sayd seconde payment of the sayd Subsidie, shall before the last day of January, which shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousande, fife hundredeth, threescore and seuen, by vertue of the Commission deliuered vnto them in fourme aforesayde, direct their seuerall or ioynt precept or preceptes, vnto . viii. vii. vi. v. iiii. iii. or two, as for the number of the inhabitauntes shalbe requisite, of the most substantiall, discrete, and honest persons inhabitauntes, to be named by the sayde Commissioners, or by as many of them as shalbe appoynted

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poyned by the sayde Commission, of, and in Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, wapentakes, wardes, Parishes, Townes, and other places, aswell within liberties, fraunchises, auncient demeanes, places exempted, and sanctuaries, as without, within the limittes of the Shires, Ridinges, Lathes, wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Boroughes, or Ille aforesade, and other places within the limittes of their Commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, and other lyke officers or ministers of euery of the sayde Hundredes, Townes, wardes, Lathes, wapentakes, Parishes, and other places beforesayde, as to the sayde Commissioners, and euery number of them, or vnto thre or two of them, by their discretions in diuision, shall seeme expedient, as by the maner and vse of those parties shalbe requisite, straghtly by the same precept charging and commaundynge the same inhabitauntes, Constables, and other officers aforesayde, to whom such precept shalbe so directed, to appeare in their proper persons befoze the sayde Commissioners, or such number of them, as they shall deuide them selues, accordyng to the tenour of the sayde Commission, at certayne dayes and places, by the sayde Commissioners, or any number of them, as is aforesayde, within Cities, Boroughes, or Townes corporate, or without, in any other place as is aforesayd, by their discretions shalbe limited ther-vnto, to do and accomplyshe all that to them on the partie of the Queenes Maiestie, shalbe inioyned, touchyng this Acte. Commaundynge further by the same precept, that he to whose handes such preceptes shall come, shall shewe or deliuer the same to the other inhabitauntes or officers named in the same precept, and that none of them fayle to accomplyshe the same, vpon payne of. xl.s. to be forfaited to the Queenes Maiestie.

And it is further ordayned, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that at the sayde day and place prefired and limited in the sayd precept, euery of the Commissioners then beyng in the Shire, and hauyng no sufficient excuse for his absence, at the day and place prefired for that part wherevnto he was limited: shall appeare in his proper person, and there the same Commissioners being present, or as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, shal call or cause to be called befoze them, the said inhabitauntes & officers, to whom they haue directed their said preceptes, and which had in comaundement there to appeare by vertue of the sayd precept. And yf any person so warned, make default, vnlesse he then be letted by sickenelle or lawfull excuse, & that let, then be witnessed by othes of two credible persons, or if any appearing refuse to serue in fourme folowing: then euery such person so making default, or refusyng to serue, shal forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie. xl.s. and so at euery tyme appoynted by the sayd Commissioners for the same
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taration, vnto suche tyme the number of euery such persons haue appeared, and certified in fourme vnder witten, euery of them so makynge default, or refusynge so to serue, shal forfait to the Queenes Maiestie. xl. s. And vpon the same appearaunce had, they shalbe charged before the Commissioners, by all conuenient wayes and meanes, other then by corporall othe, to inquire of the best and most value of the substaunce of euery person, dwellyng and abydyng within the limittes of the places that they shalbe charged with, and of other which shall haue his or their most resort vnto any of the sayde places, and chargeable with any summe of money by this Acte of this sayde Subsidie, and of all other thynges requisite, touchynge the sayde Acte, and accordyng to the intent of the same, and therbypon, as neare as it may be or shall come to their knowledge, truly to present and certifie before the sayde Commissioners, the names and surnames, and the best and vttermost substaunce and values of euery of them, aswell of landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, possessions, and profites, as of goodes, cattels, debtes, and other thynges chargeable by the same Acte, without any concealment, loue, fauour, affection, dreade, or malice, vpon payne of forfaiture of. b. li. or more, to be tared, extreated, and leuied, in fourme as hereafter in this present Acte shalbe limited or appoynted. And therebypon, the sayde Commissioners shall openly there reade, or cause to be read vnto them, the sayd rates in this Act mentioned, and openly declare the effect of their charge vnto them, in what maner and fourme they ought and shoulde make their certificate, accordyng to the rates and summes therof abouesayde, and of all maner of persons, aswell of aliens and straungers, denizens, or not denizens, inhabitynge within this Realme, as of such persons as be borne vnder the Queenes obeyssaunce, chargeable to this Act, and of the possessions, goodes, and cattels of fraternities, Gylde, Corporations, Brotherheades, Miseries, and Comminalties, and other as is abouesayde, and of persons beyng in the parties of beyond the seas, hauyng goodes and cattelles, landes or tenementes within this Realme, as is aforesayde, and of all goodes beyng in the custodie of any person or persons, to the vse of any other, as is abouesayde. By the which information and shewyng, the sayd person shoulde haue such playne knowledge of the true intent of this present Acte, and of the maner of their certificate, that the same persons shall haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignorance. And after such charge, and the statute of the sayde Subsidie, and the maner of the sayd certificate to be made in wryting, contaynyng the names and surnames of euery person, and whether he be borne without the Queenes obeyssaunce, or within, and the best value of euery person in euery degree, aswell of yerele value of landes and

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tenementes, and of such lyke possessions and profites, as the value of goodes and cattelles, debtes, and euery thyng to their Certificat requisite and necessarie to them declared: the sayde Commissioners there beyng, shall by theyr discretions appoynt and limit vnto the sayde persons, another daye and place, to appeare before the sayde Commissioners, and charging the sayde persons, that they in the meane tyme shall make diligent inquirie, by all wayes and meanes, of the premisles, and then and there, euery of them, vpon payne of forfayture of fourtie shyllinges to the Queenes Maiestie, to appeare at the sayde newe prefired day and place, there to certifie vnto the sayde Commissioners in writyng, accordyng to theyr sayde charge, and accordyng to the true intent of the sayd graunt of Subsidie, and as to them in maner aforesayde hath ben declared and shewed by the Commissioners. At which day and place so to them prefired, yf any of the sayde persons make default, or appeare and refuse to make the sayde Certificat: that then euery of them so offending, to forfayte to the Queenes Maiestie fourtie shyllinges, except there be a reasonable excuse of his default, by reason of sicknesse or otherwyle, by the othes of two credible persons there witnessed. And of such as appeare ready to make Certificat as is aforesayde, the sayde Commissioners there beyng, shall take and receaue the same Certificat, and euery part therof, and the names, values, and substaunce of euery person so certified, and yf the same Commissioners see cause reasonable they shall examine the sayde presenters thereof, and therebpon the sayde Commissioners at the sayde dayes and place, by their agreement among them selues, shall from tyme to tyme openly there prefire a day, at a certayne place or places, within the limittes of theyr Commission, by theyr discretion, for their further proceadyng to the sayd assessyng of the same Subsidie, and therebpon at the sayde day of the sayde Certificat, as is aforesayde, taken, the same Commissioners shall make their precept or preceptes to the Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, or other officers, of such Hundreides, wapentakes, Townes, or other places aforesayde, as the same Commissioners shalbe of, comprysyng and conteynyng in the same precept, the names and surnames of all persons presented before them in the sayde Certificat, of whom yf the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therunto appoynted by the Queenes Commission, shall then haue behement suspect, to be of more greater value or substaunce in landes, goodes, cattelles, or summes of money owyng to them, or other substaunce before sayde, then vpon such person or persons shalbe certified: the same Commissioners shall make their precept or preceptes, directed to the Constable, Bayliffes, or other officers, commaundyng the same Constable, Bayliffes, or other officers, to whom such preceptes

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shalbe directed, to warne such persons whose names shalbe comprised in the sayde precept, at their mansions, to their persons, that the same persons named in such preceptes, and euery of them, shall personally appeare before the sayde Commissioners at the same newe prefired day and place, there to be examined by all wayes and meanes (other then by corporall othe) by the sayde Commissioners, of their greatest substaunce and best value, and of all and euery summes of money owyng to them, and other whatsoeuer matter concernyng the premisses, or any of them, accordyng to this Acte. At which day and place so prefired, the sayde Commissioners then and there beyng, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appoynted by the Queenes Commission, shall cause to be called the sayde persons, whose names shalbe comprised in the sayde precept, as is beforesayd, for their examination. And yf any of those persons which shalbe warned, as is beforesayde, to be examined, which at any tyme after the warnyng, and before the prefired day, shalbe within suche place where he maye haue knowledge of his sayde apparaunce to be made, make default, and appeare not, vnlesse a reasonable cause, or els a reasonable excuse, by the othes of two credible persons, before the sayde Commissioners be truly alleaged for his discharge: that then euery of them so makyng default, to be tared and charged to the Queenes Maiestie, with, and at the double summes of the rate that he shoulde or ought to haue ben set at, for, and after the best value of his landes or substaunce hypon hym certified, yf he had appeared, by the discretion of the Commissioners there beyng. which Commissioners shall trauaile with euerye of the other persons so then and there appearyng, whose names shalbe expessed in the sayde precept or preceptes, and in whom any behement suspect was or shalbe had, in fourme abouesayde, by all such wayes and meanes they can, other then by corporall othe, for the better knowledge of their beste value, either in hereditamentes, or possessions, either els in goodes or debtes. And that euery spirituall person, at either of the sayde tarations of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe rated and set accordyng to the rate abouesayde, of, and for euery pounce that the same spirituall person, or any other to his vse, hath by discent, bargayne, or purchase, in fee simple, fee tayle, terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, by execution, by warde, or by copie of Court rolle, in any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Seruices, Offices, fees, Corrodies, Annuities, or Hereditamentes, after the true, iust, and yerely value thereof, and accordyng as other the Queenes Maiesties Subiectes borne within this Realme, be charged, in fourme aboue remembred, so that it extende to the yerely value of twentie shyllynges or aboue.

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And it is further enacted, that yf any the sayde taxours and assessours, shall not duely behaue them selues in their inquirie, taxatio, assesment, or certificat, but shall affectionatly, corruptly, or partiallye demeane them selues in that behalfe, in suche wyse, that the commissioners shall by their consideration deeme them offendours woorthy of punishment, for not doyng their dueties therein: that then foure or moze of the commissioners in that countie for this Subsidie, shall haue power and aucthoritie, by their discretions eyther to charge the sayde assessours vppon their corpozall othes, for the better seruice aforesayde in that behalfe, or els by their discretions to take and set vpon euery of the sayde assessours, for their misdemeanours in that behalf, such a fine or payne as they shall thinke good, so that it excede not the summe of tenn poundes, and the same fine or payne, at their discretions to estreate into the court of Exchequer. Euery whiche fine, so taxed and set by foure of the commissioners, or moze, and beyng estreated with the scedule or booke of that limit, shall be leuied and answered to the Queenes vse, in lyke maner and fourme to all intentes and purposes, as any other summe that shall be taxed and become due by vertue of this estatute and Act of Subsidie, and not in any other wyse or maner.

And yf any person, certified or rated by vertue of this Act, whether he be Commissioner or other, to any maner of value, doth fynd hym selfe greued with the same presentment, selling, or taryng, and therevpon complayne to the Commissioners, before whom he shall be rated, sessed, or taxed, or before two of them, before the same taxation be certified into the Court of the Exchequer: that then the sayde Commissioners, or two of them, shall by all wayes, and meanes, examine particularly and distinctly the person so complaining, vpon his oth, and other his neyghbours, by their discretions, of euery his landes and tenementes aboue specified, and of euery his goodes, cattelles, and debtes aboue mentioned. And after due examination and perfect knowledge thereof hadde and perceived by the sayde Commissioners, or two of them, whiche shall haue power by aucthoritie aforesayde: the sayde Commissioners, or two of them, to whom anye suche complaint shall be made, by their discretion, vppon the oth of the sayde person so complaining, maye abate, defaulke, encrease, or enlarge the same assesment, accordyng as it shall appeare vnto them iuste, vpon the same examination. And the same summe so abated, defaulted, encreased, or enlarged, shall be by them estreated in fourme as hereafter ensueth. And yf it be proued by witnesse, or by the parties owne confession, or other lawfull wayes or meanes, within a yere after anye suche oth made, that the same person so taxed and sworn, was of any better or greater value in landes, goodes, or other thynges a-

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houe specified, at the tyme of his sayde oth, then the same person so sworne dyd declare vpon his sayde oth, that then euery such person so offendynge, shall lose and forsayte to the Queenes Maiestie, so muche in lawefull money of Englande, as he the same person so sworne, was set at, or tared to paye.

And also it is enacted by the same aucthoritie, that euery person to be rated at the sayde taration, as is aforesayde, shall be rated, tared, and sette, and the summe on hym set, to be leuyed at such place where he and his familie at the tyme of the same presentment to be made, shall kepe his house or dwellyng, or where he then shall be moste conuersaunt, abydyng, or resiaunt, or shall haue his most resorte at the tyme of the sayde Certificat to be made, and no where els. And that no Commissioner for this Subsidie, shall be rated or tared for his goodes or landes, but in the Wyze and other place where he shall be Commissioner. And that yf any person chargeable to this Acte, at the tyme of the same assessynge, happen to be out of this Realme, and out of wales, or farre from the place where he shall be knownen: then he to be sette where he was last abydyng in this Realme, or within wales, and after the substaunce, value, and other profytes of euery person, to be knownen by the examination, certificat, or other maner of wyse, as is aforesayde. And that the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shall be appoynted by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, or Commissions, shall after the rate and rates aforesayde, cause euery person to be sette, rated, and tared, accordyng to the rate of the substaunce and value of his landes, goodes, cattelles, and other profytes chargeable by this Acte, whereby the greatest and most beste summe or summes, accordyng to his most substaunce, by reason of this Acte, myght or may be sette or tared. And that euery person tared in any Countie or place, other then where he is most resiaunt or hath his familie, or in any countie or place other then where he is a Commissioner for this Subsidie, yf he be a Commissioner, vpon certificat made to the sayde Courte of Exchequer, vnder the handes and seales of two Commissioners for the Subsidie in the same Countie or place where suche person is moste resiaunte or hath his famylie, or where he is a Commissioner for the taration and payment of this Subsidie, testyfying such his most resiauncie, hauyng of famylie, or beyng a Commissioner: shall be a sufficient discharge for the taration of that person in all other places, and of and for all other summes of money vppon suche person so sette and tared, saue only the taration made in that Countie or place from whiche such Certificat shall be made, as is aforesayde, and for the summe of money vppon suche person there assessed or tared,

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tared. And that such certificat, without any plea or other circumstance, shall be a sufficient warraunte, as well to the Barons and Auditour and Auditours of the sayd Court of Exchequer, as to all and euery other officers, to whom the allowaunce thereof shall appertain, paying for such discharge & allowaunce, only, vi. d. & no more.

Provided alwayes, that euery such person, whiche shall be rated, or tared, accordyng to the intente and true meanyng of this Acte, for payment of and to this Subsidie, for, and after the peryl value of his landes, tenementes, and other reall possessions or profits, at any of the sayde taxations, shall not after be sette and tared for his goodes and cattels, or other his mouable substance at the same taxation, and that he that shall be set, charged, or tared for the same Subsidie, for his goodes, cattelles, and other mouables, at any of the sayde taxations, accordyng to the true meanyng of this Acte, shall not after be charged, tared, or chargeable for his landes, or other reall possessions and profits abouesayde, at the same taxations, nor any of them, nor that any person by any taxation be double charged for the sayde Subsidie, nor sette nor tared at severall places by reason of this Acte. But yf any person happen to be double set, tared, or charged, eyther in one place, or at severall places: then he to be discharged of the one taxation, and charged with the other, accordyng to the meanyng and intente of this Acte. Any thyng contayned in this present Acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And that it be ordayned and enacted by the sayde authoritie of this present Parliament, that no person hauyng twoo mansions, or twoo places to resort vnto, or callyng hym selfe houlde seruante, or waytyng seruante to the Queenes Maiestie, or other Lorde, or Lady, Maister, or Maistrisse, be excused vpon his saying, from the taxes of the sayd Subsidie, in neither of the places where he maye bee sette or tared, vnlesse he bring a certificat in wrytyng from the Commissioners, where that he is so set or tared in deede at one place. And yf any person that ought to be sette and tared to this present Subsidie, by reason of his remouyng or resortyng to two places, or by reason of his saying that he elswhere was tared, or by reason of any priuiledge by his dwelling or abydyng in any place, not beyng forprised in this Act, or otherwise, by his couine or craft, or by any wordes or sayings, or if any that is a Commissioner or Assessor of others, happen to escape from the sayd taxations of this Subsidie, or any of them, and be not set and tared, accordyng to the true intent of this Acte, and that proued by presentmente, examination, information, or otherwysse, before the said Commissioners, or two of them, or before the Barons of the Queenes Maesties Exchequer, or two Iustices of the peace of the Countie where

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Such person dwelleth: then every such person that by such meanes, or otherwyle, willingly by couine, or without iust cause, shall hap- pen to escape from the saide taxations or paymentes aforesayde, or any of them, and shall not be rated, taxed, and set, shall be charged vpon the knowledge and prooffe therof, with and at the double va- lue of so much as he shoulde, myght, or ought to haue ben sett and taxed at, by vertue of this Acte. And the same double value to be leuied, gathered, and payd, of his goodes and cattelles, landes, and tenementes, towarde the sayde Subsidie, and further to be pu- nished accordyng to the discretions of the Barons, Iustices, and Commissioners, befoze whom he shalbe conuicted for his offence, and deceipt in that behalfe.

AND be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Commissioners in every Commission, shall accordyng to their deuisions, and after they be deuided, haue ful power and auc- thoritie by this Acte, to sette, taxe, and selle every other Commis- sioner ioyned with them in every such Commission and deuision, and shall also asseste every Assessor within theyr deuision, for his and their goodes, landes, and other the premilles, as is abouesayde: by the which sayde Commission, the sayde Commissioners shall in- differently set, taxe, and asseste them selues and the sayde assessours, And that aswell the summes vpon every of the sayde Commis- sioners and Assessours, so selled, rated, and taxed, as the summes made and presented by the presenters sworne as is abouesayde, shall bee wytten, certified, set, and estreated: and the estreates thereof to be made with other the inhabitauntes of that parties, within the li- mites of the same Commission and deuision, so to be gathered and leuied, in lyke maner as it ought or shoulde haue ben. yf the sayde Commissioners had not ben in the sayde Commission. And that all persons of the estate of a Baron or Barons, and every estate a- boue, shalbe charged with their free holde, and value, as is abouesayde by the Chauncellour, or Lorde Keeper of the great Seale of Englande, the hygh Tresourer of Englande for the tyme beyng, and other such persons, as by the Queenes Maiesties auctoritie or commaundement, shalbe named and appoynted, and they to be charged for the sayd seuerall paymentes of the sayde Subsidie, af- ter the fourme of the sayd graunt, accordyng to the taration aforesayde. And the summes of and vpon them to be sette and taxed, with the names of the Collectours, appoynted for the gatheryng and paying of the same, to be estreated, deliuered, and certified at dayes and places aboue specified, by the Lorde Chauncellour or Keeper of the great Seale, and Tresourer, and other such persons, as therevnto shalbe named.

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after the taxes and asseses of the said summes, byon and by the said asselpyng and certificat, as is aforesayd made by the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appoynted, and haue aucthoritie by the Queenes Maiesties commission: shal with all speede, and without delay, by the wrytyng estreate of the sayde taxe therof, vnder the seales and signes manuell of the saide commissioners, or as many of the as shalbe appoynted at the least, shall be deliuered vnto sufficient and substantiall inhabitauntes, Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, and other officers toynly, of Hundredes, Townes, Parishes, and other places aforesayd, within their limittes, or to other sufficient persons inhabitauntes of the same, only by the discretion of the sayde Commissioners, and as the place and parties shall require: aswel the particuler names and surnames, as the remembraunce of all summes of money taxed & set, of, and vpon euery person, as weil man as woman chargeable to this Acte, householders and all other inhabitauntes and dwellers within the sayde Parishes, Townes, and places, contributozie to this Acte of Subsidie. By aucthoritie of which wrytyng or estreate so deliuered, the sayde officers and other persons so named and deputed seuerally, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this Acte, immediatly after the deliuerie of the sayde wrytyng or estreate, to demaunde, leuie, and gather of euery person therein specified, the summe and summes in the same wrytyng or estreate comprised: and for non payment thereof, to distrayne the same person or persons so beyng behynde, by theyr goodes and cattelles, and the distresse so taken, to kepe by the space of eyght dayes, at the colles and charges of the owner thereof. And yf the sayde owner do not pay suche summe of money as shall be taxed by aucthoritie of this Acte, within the same eyght dayes: then the same distresse to be appraysed by foure, three, or two of the inhabitauntes where suche distresse is taken, and also then to be solde by the sayde Constable, or other Collectours, for the payment of the sayd money, and the ouerplus commyng of the sale and keepyng therof (yf any be) to be immediatly restored to the owner of the same distresse. whiche said officers and other persons so deputed to aske, take, gather, and leuie the sayd summes, shall aunswere and be charged for the portion onlye to them assigned and limited to be gathered, leuied, and comprised in the said wrytyng of estreate, so by them, as is aforesaid deliuered, to the vse of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and her heyres and successours: and the said summe in that wrytyng or estreate comprised, to pay vnto the high Collectour or Collectours of that place for the collection of the same, in maner and fourme vnder wrytten, therbnto to be named and deputed. And the same inhabitauntes and officers, so gatheryng the same particuler summes,

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summes, for their collection thereof, shall retayne for euery. xx. s. so by them receaued and payed, two pence, and that to be allowed at the payment of their collection, by them to be made to the hygh Collectour or Collectours.

And further, be it enacted by the sayd authoritie, that the sayde Commissioners, or the more parte of them, as shall take vpon them the execution and businesse of the said commission, shall for euery of the same paymentes of the said Subsidie, name such sufficient and hable persons, which then shall haue and possede landes and other hereditamentes, in their owne right, of the yerely value, of. xx. li. or goods to the value of two hundredeth markes at the least, in Shires, Ridinges, Lathes, wapentakes, Rapes, Citie, Townes corporate, and other whatsoeuer places, as well within places priuiledged, as without, not beyng forepysed within this Acte to be hygh Collectours, and to haue the collection and receipt of the said summes, set and leuiable within the precinct, limit, and boundes, where they shall be so limited and appoynted to be hygh Collectours. And to euery of the said Collectours so seuerally named, the said Commissioners, or two of them at the least, with all speede, and without delay, after the said, whole summe of any payment of the said Subsidie, be set by al the limittes of the same their commission. or in such limittes as the hight Collectours shall be so seuerally assigned: shall vnder their seales & signes manuel, deliuer one estreate indented in parchment, comprising in it, the names of al such persons, as were assigned to leuie the said particuler summes, & the summes of euery Hundred, wapentake, Towne, or other place aforesaid, with the names & surnames of the persons so chargeable, accordyng to the estreate so first thereof made & deliuered, as is aforesaid. And the Collectours so to be assigned, shall be charged to aunswere the whole summe comprised in the said estreate limited to his collection, as is aforesaid.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the sayde Commissioners, hauing authoritie by this Acte, to name & nominate the said hygh Collectours of the said Subsidie: shall immediatly vpon the nomination and election, take by authoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient Recognisaunces or Obligations, without any fee or rewarde to be payd therfore, of euery person so by them to be named to be hygh Collectour, to be bounden to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the summe of his collection, and to be endorsed and made vpon suche condition, That is to saye, for the collection of the sayde first payment of the sayde Subsidie, that if the sayde Collectour, his heyres, or executors, do truely content and pay to the vse of the Queenes maiestie, her heyres, or successours, in the receipt of the sayd Erchequer, at or before the sayd first day of Aprill next ensuyng, so much of the
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sayde summe of money allotted and appoynted to his collection, as he shall collecte and gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after suche tyme as he hath gathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayde Recognisaunces or Obligations to be voyde, or els to stande in full strength and vertue. And for the Collection of the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, vpon condition, that if the sayde Collectour, his heyses, or executours, do truely contēt and pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successours, in her receipt of the Exchequer, at or befoze the first daye of Aprill, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, M. D. lxxiii. so much of the sayde summe of money allotted and appoynted to his collection, as he shall collect & gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge within one moneth next after suche tyme as he hath gathered and collected the same residue, that then the said Recognisaunce or Obligation to be voyde, or els to stande in full strength & vertue, which sayde seuerall recognisaunces or obligations so taken, the sayde Commissioners shall seuerally certifie and deliuer into the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, with the seuerall certificates of the said taxations and rates of the payments of the said Subsidie, at and by the tyme to them prescribed and appointed by this act, for the certificat of the sayd seuerall taxations of the sayde Subsidie, vpon payne of forfaiture of. x. li. to the Queenes Maiestie for euery recognisaunce or obligatiō not certified. And that euery such collectour so elected, named, and chosen, vpon request to him made, shall knowlege and make the sayde recognisaunce or obligation, vpon lyke payne and forfaiture of. x. li. to the Queenes Maiestie for the refusal thereof. And euery Collectour so deputed, hauyng the sayde estrate in parchment, as is aforesayde, shall haue auctoriztie by this Acte, to appoynt dayes and places within the circuite of his collection, for the payment of the sayde Subsidie to him to be made, and therof to geue warning by Proclamation, or otherwyle, to al the Constables, or other persons or inhabitauntes, hauyng the charge of the particular collection within the hundzedes, paryshes, townes, or other places by him or them limited, to make payment for the sayde particular collection of euery summe, as to them shall appertayne. And if at the same day and place so limited and prefixed by the said high Collectour, the sayde Constable, officers, or other persons, or inhabitauntes, as is aforesayde, for the sayde particular collection, assigned and appoynted within suche Hundrede, Citie, Towne, or other place, do not pay vnto the sayd hygh Collectours, the summe within their seuerall hundzedes, townes, paryshes, and other places, due and comprised in the sayde estrate therof to them deliuered by the sayde Commissioners, or some of them, as is aforesayde, or

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so much thereof as they haue by any meane receaued (two pence of euery pounce, for the sayde particuler collection, as is aforesayde, alwayes to be therof allowed, excepted, and abated) that then it shal be lawfull to the sayde hygh Collectours, and euery of them, and to their assignes, to distrayne euery of the sayd Constables, officers, and other inhabitauntes, for theyr sayde seuerall and particuler collection of the sayde summe, comprised in the sayde estreate and wytyng therof to them, and euery of them as is before expressed, deliuered, or for as much of the same summe as so then shall happen to be gathered and leuied, and behynd and vnpayd, by the goods and cattels of euery of them so beyng behynd. And the distresse so taken, to be kept, appraysed, and solde, as is aforesayd, and therof to take and leuie the summes so then beyng behinde and vnpayde. And the ouerplus commyng of the sale of the sayde distresse (yf any be) to be restored and deliuered vnto the owner, in fourme aboute remembred.

Provided alwayes, that no person inhabiting in any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be any assessor or Collectour, of or for any part of the sayde Subsidie, in any place or places out of the sayd Citie, borough, or Towne corporate where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the sayde auctoritie enacted, that yf any inhabitant, or officer, or whatsoever person or persons, charged to and for the collection or receipt of any part or portion of the sayde Subsidie, by any maner of meanes, accordyng to this Acte, or any person or persons for them selues, or as keeper, gardian, deputie, factor, or atturney, of or for any other person or persons, of any goodes and cattelles of the owner thereof, at the tyme of the sayde assessing to be made, beyng out of this Realme, or in any other parties not knowen, or of and for the goodes and cattelles of any other person or persons of any corporation, fraternitie, misterie, or other whatsoever comminaltie, beyng incorporate, or not incorporate, and all persons hauyng in their rule, gouernaunce and custodie any goodes or cattelles, at the tyme of the sayde assessing, or any of them to be made, or which for any cause, for and by collection, or for hym selfe, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule, gouernaunce or custodie of any goodes or cattelles of any other person or persons, corporation, comminaltie, fraternitie, gylde, or misterie, or any suche other lyke, or as factor, deputie, or atturney, of or for any person, shalbe taxed, rated, valued, & set, to any summe or summes, by reason of this Act, and after the taxation or assessing vpon any such person or persons as shalbe charged with the receipt of the same, happen to dye, or depart from the place where he was so taxed and set, or his goodes or cattelles be so elopned, or in such priuie & couert maner

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maner kept, as the sayde person or persons charged with the same, by estreates or other writynges from the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therebnto appoynted by the sayde Commission, as is aforesaid, can ne may leuie the same summe or summes comprised within the same estreates, by distresse within the limittes of their collection, as is aforesaid, or can not sell such distresse or distresses, as be taken for any of the sayd paymentes, befoze the tyme limitted to the hygh Collectour, for his payment to be made in the Queenes Maiesties receipt: then vpon relation therof, with due examination, by the othe or examination of such person or persons as shalbe charged with and for the receipt and collection of the same, befoze the sayd Commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayde Commission shalbe therebnto appoynted, where such person or persons, or other, as is aforesayde, their goodes and cattels, were let & tared, and vpon playne certificat therof made in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer by the same Commissioners, aswell of the dwellyng place, names, and summes of the sayde persons, of whom the sayde summes can not be leuied and had, as is aforesayde: then aswell the Constables and other inhabitauntes appoynted for the sayd particuler collection, agaynst the high collectours, as the hygh collectour vpon his accompt and othe in the sayde Exchequer, to be discharged thereof, and processe to be made for the Queenes Maiestie, out of the sayde Exchequer, by the discretion of the Barons of the sayd Exchequer, agaynst such person, his heires, or executours, so beyng behynde with his payment. And ouer that, that the same Commissioners to whom any such declaration of the premisses shalbe made, in fourme aforesayd, from tyme to tyme, shall haue full power & auctoritie, to direct their precept or preceptes vnto the sayde person or persons charged with any summe, of, for, & vpon any such person or persons, or other as is aforesayd, or to any Sheriffe, Steward, Baylis, or other whatsoeuer officer, minister, person or persons, of such place or places where any such person or persons so owyng such summe or summes, shall haue landes and tenementes, or other hereditamentes, or reall possessions, goodes & cattels, whereby any such person or persons so indebted, his heires, executours, or assignes, or other hauing the custodie, gouernaunce, or disposition of any goodes, cattels, landes, or tenementes, or other hereditamentes, which ought or may by this Act lawfully be distrayned or taken for the same, hath & shal haue goodes, cattels, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, wherof such summe or summes which by any such person or persons, may or ought to be leuied, be it within the limits of such Commission where such person or persons was and were tared, or without, in any place within this Realme of England, wales, or other the Queenes Maiesties dominions, Marches, or Territories.

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By which precept, aswell such person or persons as shalbe charged to leuie such money, as the officers of the place or places, where such distresse may be taken, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to distrayne euery such person indebted, charged, and chargeable by this Acte, or his executors, or administrators, of his goodes and cattels, his gardians, factours, deputies, lessees, farmours, and assignes, and all other persons, by whose handes, or out of whose landes any such person shoulde haue rent, fee, annuitie, or other profite, or which at the tyme of the sayd assessyng, shall haue goodes or cattels, or any other thyng moueable, of any such person or persons beyng indebted, or owyng such summe. And the distresse so taken, cause to be kept, appeased, and solde, in lyke maner and fourme, as is aforesayd for the distresse to be taken, vpon such persons to be tared to the sayd Subsidie, and beyng sufficient to distrayne, within the limittes of the collectours, inhabitauntes, or other officers, charged with, or for the same summes, so vpon them to be tared. And yf any such distresse, for non payment, happen to be taken out of the limit of the sayd persons charged and assigned to leuie the same: the persons so charged for the leuie of any such summes by distresse, shall perceaue and take of the same distresse, for the labour of euery person, goyng for the execution thereof, for euery myle that any such person so laboureth for the same. ii. d. And euery farmour, tenaunt, gardian, factour, or other whatsoever person, beyng distrayned, or otherwyle charged for payment of any such summe or summes, or any other summe by reason of this Acte, shalbe of such summe or summes of hym or them so leuied and taken, discharged and acquitted at his next day of payment of the same, or at the deliuerie of such goodes and cattels, as he that is so distrayned had in his custody & gouernance, agaynst hym or them that shalbe so tared and set: any graunt or writyng obligatorie, or other whatsoever matter to the contrary, made heretofore, notwithstanding.

And yf any such person that shoulde be so distrayned, haue no landes or tenementes sufficient, whereby he or his tenauntes and farmours may be distrayned, or haue elopned or hyd his goodes and cattels, whereby he shoulde or myght be distrayned, in such maner, that such goodes and cattelles shall not be knowen or founde, so that the summe, of, or by hym to be payde in the sayde fourme, shall ne can be conueniently leuied: then vppon relation thereof to the Commissioners, or to as many of them as by the sayde Commission shalbe therunto appointed, where such person or persons was tared and set, by the othes of hym or them that shalbe charged with the leuie and payment of that summe or summes: the same Commissioners shall make a precept, in such maner as is aforesayde, for to attache, take, and arrest the body of such person or persons that ought to

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to pay the sayde summes, and by this Acte shalbe charged with and for the sayde summe and summes: and them so taken, safely to kepe in pryson, within the shire or other place where any such person or persons shalbe taken and attached, there to remayne without bayle or maynpysle, vntyll he hath payde the same summe or summes, that such person for hym selfe, or for any other, by this Acte shalbe chargeable or ought to be charged withall: And also for the fees of euery such arrest, to hym or them that shall execute such precept. *xx. d.* And that euery officer vnto whom such precept shall be directed, do his true diligence, and execute the same vpon euery person so beyng indebted, vpon payne to forsayte to the Queenes Maiestie for euery default in that behalfe. *xx. s.* And that no keeper of any Gaile, from his Gaile suffer any suche person to go at large by lettynge to bayle, or otherwyle to depart out of his pryson, before he haue payde his sayde debt, and the sayde. *xx. d.* for the sayde arrest, vppon payne to forsayte to the Queenes Maiestie. *xl. s.* and the same Gailler to paye vnto the Queenes Maiestie the double value, as well of the rate which the sayde person so imprisoned was tared at, as of the sayde. *xx. d.* for the fees. And lyke processe and remedie, in lyke fourme, shalbe graunted by the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayd Commission shalbe thervnto appoynted, at lyke information of euery person or persons beyng charged with any summe of money, for any other person or persons by reason of the sayde Subsidie, and not therof payde, but wylfully withdrawen, ne the same leufable within the limittes where such persons were therevnto tared. And yf the summe or summes, beyng behynde vnpayde, by any person or persons, as is aforesayde, be leuied and gathered by force of the sayde processe to be made by the same Commissioners, or yf in default or lacke of payment thereof, the person or persons so owyng the sayde summe or summes of money, by processe of the same Commissioners, to be made as is aforesayde, be committed to pryson in fourme abouesayde: that then the sayde Commissioners which shall awarde suche processe, shall make certificat thereof in the sayde Erchequer, of that shalbe done in the premisses, in the Tearme next folowynge after such summe or summes of money so beyng behynde, shalbe leuied and gathered, or such person or persons for non payment of the same committed to pryson.

And yf it happen any of the sayde Collectours to be assigned, or any Maiors, Shyrriffes, Stewardest, Constables, the headboroughes, Burtholder, Bayliffe, or any other officer or minister, or other whatsoever person or persons, to disobey the sayde Commissioners, or any of them, in the reasonable request to them made by the sayde Commissioners, for execution of the sayde Commission, or yf any

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any of the officers or other persons do refuse that to them shall appertain and belong to do, by reason of any precept to hym or them to be directed, or any reasonable commaundement, instaunce, or request, touching the premisses, or other default in any appearaunce, or collection to make, or yf any person beyng suspect, or not to be indifferently taxed, as is aforesayde, do refuse to be examined, according to the tenour of this Acte, before the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto assigned, as is aforesayde, or wyl not appeare before the same Commissioners bypon warning to hym made, or els make resistance or rescous, bypon any distresse bypon hym to be taken for any parcell of the sayde Subsidie, or commit any misbehaviour in any maner of wyse contrarie to this Acte, or commit any wylfull omission, or other whatsoever wylfull not doynge or misdoynge contrary to the tenour of this Acte or graunt: The same Commissioners and every number of them aboue remembred, or two of them at the least, bypon probable knowledge of any such misdemeanours, had by information or examination, shall and may set bypon every such offendour for every such offence, in name of a fine, by the same offendour to be forsayted, fourtie shyllinges, or vnder, by the discretion of the same Commissioners.

And further, the same Commissioners, and every number of them, or two of them at the least, shall haue auctoritie by this present Acte, to puny the every such offendour by imprysonment, there to remayne, and to be deliuered by their discretion, as shall seeme to them conuenient: the sayd fines, yf any such be, to be certified by the sayd Commissioners that so assailed the same, into the Queenes Maesties sayde Erchequer, there to be leuied and payde, by the Collectours of that parties for the sayde Subsidie, returned into the sayde Erchequer, to be therewith charged with the payment of the sayde Subsidie, in such maner as yf the sayde fines had ben set and taxed vpon the sayde offendours for the sayde Subsidie.

It is also enacted by the sayde auctoritie of this present Parliament, that every of the sayde hygh Collectours, which shall accompt for any part of the sayde Subsidie in the sayde Erchequer, bypon their seuerall accomptes to be yelded, shalbe allowed at every of the sayde paymentes of the sayde Subsidie, for every pounce li-
mitted to his collection, wherof any such collectour shalbe charged and yelde accompt. vi. d. as parcell of their charge: That is to say, of every pounce thereof, for such person as then haue had the particuler collection in the Townes and other places as is aforesayd, specified in his collection. ii. d. And other. ii. d. of every pounce therof every of the sayde chiefe collectours or their accomptauntes to retayne to their owne vse, for their labour and charge in and about

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about the premiffes. And. ii. d. of euery pound residue to be deliue-
red, allowed, and payde, by the sayde Collectours so beyng thereof
allowed, to fuch of the Commissioners, as fhall take vpon them the
bufineffe and labour, for and about the premiffes: That is to fay,
euery Collectour to pay that Commissioner or Commissioners which
had the ordering of the wrytynges, of, and for the sayde Subfidie,
where the sayde Collectour or Collectours had theyr collection,
for the expences of the sayde Commissioners fo taking vpon them
the sayde bufineffe and labour of their Clarkes wrytyng the sayde
preceptes and extractes of the sayde collections, the fame laft. ii. d.
of euery pounce to be deuided amongst the sayde Commissioners,
hauing regarde to theyr labour and bufineffe, taken by them or
theyr sayde Clarkes, in, and about the premiffes. For the whiche
part fo to the faide Commissioners attaynyng, the faid Commiffio-
ners. vi. b. iiii. iii. or two, or as many of them as fhall be thereunto
appoynted by the Queenes maiefities Commiffion, and euery of
them, ioyntly and feuerally, for his and theyr sayde part, may haue
his remedie agaynst the sayde Collectour or Collectours, whiche
therof ben and myght haue ben allowed, by action of debt, in which
the defendaunt fhall not wage his lawe, neyther protection, ney-
ther infunccion, or effoigne fhall be allowed. And that no perfon
nowe beyng of the number of the company of this prefent Parlia-
ment, nor any Commissioner, fhall be named or affigned to be any
Collectour or Subcollectour, or prefentour of the sayde Subfidie,
or of any part thereof, nor no Commissioners fhall be compelled to
make any prefentment or Certificat, other then in the Queenes
maiefities sayde Exchequer, of, for, or concernyng the sayd Subfidie,
or any part thereof. And lyke wyle that no other perfon that fhall
be named or affigned to be Commissioners in any place, to, and for
the execution of this Acte of Subfidie, be, or fhall be affigned or na-
med head Collectours of any of the paymentes of the sayde Subfi-
die, neyther of any part thereof. And that euery fuche perfon or per-
fons whiche fhall be named and appointed as is aforefayd, to be head
Collectours, in, and for the fyrft payment of this Subfidie, fhall not
be compelled to be Collectour for the feconde payment of the sayde
Subfidie, or for any part thereof. And the sayd Collectours which
fhall be affigned for the collection of the sayde Subfidie, or for any
part thereof, and euery of them, be, and fhall be acquitted and dif-
charged of all maner fees, rewardes, and of euery other charges in
the Queenes maiefities Exchequer, or els where, of them or any of
them, by reafon of that collection, payment, or accomptes, or any
thyng concernyng the fame to be asked. And that if any perfon
receaue or take any fees, rewardes, or pleasures of any fuch accomp-
taunt: that then he fhall forfayte to the Queenes maieftie, for

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every peny or value of every peny so taken, five shillings, & suffer imprisonment at the Queenes maiesties pleasure. And after the taryng and assessyng of the sayde Subsidies (as is aforesayde) had or made, and the sayde extractes thereof in parchment, vnto the Collectour, in maner and fourme before rehearsed, deliuered: the sayde Commissioners which shall take vpon them the execution of this Acte, within the limittes of their Commission, by theyr agree- mentes, shall haue meetyng together, at whiche meetyng, every of the sayde Commissioners whiche then shall haue taken vpon them the execution of any part of the said Commission, shall by him selfe, or by his sufficient deputie, truely certifie and bryng forth vnto the sayd Commissioners named in the sayd Commission, the Certificat and presentment, made before hym and such other Commis- sioners as were limited with him in one limit, so that the same Cer- tificat may be accompted and cast with the other Certificates of the other limittes within the same Commission: and then the sayde Commissioners, and every number of them, vnto two at the least, as is aforesayde, if any be in lyfe, or theyr executours, or administra- tours of theyr goodes if they then be dead, shall ioynly and seueral- ly, as they were deuided within theyr limittes, vnder theyr seales, by theyr discretion, make one or seuerall writynges indented, contay- nyng in it, as well the names of the sayde Collectours, by the Com- missioners for such collection and accomptes in the Exchequer, and payment in the same receipt deputed and assigned, as the grosse and seuerall summes wyrtten vnto every suche Collectours to receaue the said Subsidie: And also all fines, amerciamentes, and other for- faytures, if any such by reason of this Acte happen to be within the precinct and limit of theyr Commission, to be certified into the Queenes maiesties sayde Exchequer by the sayde Commissioners. In whiche writyng or writynges indented, so to be certified, shalbe playnely declared & expessed the whole & entire summe or summes of the sayd Subsidie, seuerally limited to the collection of the sayd Collectours, seuerally deputed and assigned to the collection of the sayd summes, so that none of the said Collectours so certified in the said Exchequer, shalbe compelled there to accompt, or to be charged, but only to and for the summe limited to his collection, and not to or for any summe limited to the collection of his felowe, but every of them shalbe seuerally charged for theyr part limited to their col- lection. And if the sayd Commissioners, ioyned in one commission, among the selues in that matter can not agree, or if any of them be not redy, or refuse to make certificat with other of the same Com- missioners: that then the same Commissioners may make seuerall In- dētures in fourme aforesaid, of their seuerall limittes, or seperations of Collectours within the limittes of their Commission, vpon & in the

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the Hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or suche other lyke deuisions within their sayde seuerall limittes of their Commission, as the places there shall require to be seuered and deuided, and as to the same Commissioners shall seeme good, to make deuisions of their limittes or collections, for the seuerall charges of the same Collectours, so that alway one Collectour shalbe charged and accompt for his part to hym to be limited, only by hym selfe, and not for any summe limited to the part of any of his felowes, and the charges of euery of the Collectours, to be set and certified seuerally vpon them. And euery suche Collectour, vppon his accompt and payment of the summe of money limited within his collection, to be seuerally by hym selfe acquitted and discharged in the sayde Erchequer, without paying any maner fees or rewardes to any person or persons for the same, vppon the payne and penaltie last abouesayde, and not to be charged for any portion of any other Collectour. And yf any Commissioner, after he hath taken certificat of them, that (as is aforesayde) shall before any suche Commissioner be examined, and the summes rated and set, and the bookes and wrytynges thereof beyng in his handes, or yf any Collectour or other person, charged with any receipt of any part of the sayde Subsidie, or any other person, tared, or otherwyle by this Acte charged with and for any partell of the sayde Subsidie, or with any other summes, fine, amerciament, penaltie, or other forsayture; happen to dye before the Commissioner, Collectour, or other whatsoeuer person or persons haue executed, accomplished, satisfied, or sufficiently discharged that whiche to euery suche person shall appertayne or belong to do, accordyng to this Acte: then the executors and heyres of euery such person, and all other leased of any landes or tenementes, that any suche person beyng charged by this Act, and deceassyng before he be discharged thereof, or any other to his vse only hadde of estate of inheritaunce, at the tyme that any suche person was named Commissioner, Collectour, or otherwyle charged with and for any maner of thyng to be done, satisfied, or payde, by reason of this Acte: And all those that haue in theyr possessions or handes any goodes, cattelles, leasles, or other thynges that were to, any such person or persons at the tyme of his death, or any landes or tenementes that were the same persons at the tyme he was (as is aforesayde) charged by this Acte: shalbe by the same compelled and charged to do and accomplishe to do, in euery case, as the same person so beyng charged shoulde haue done, and myght haue ben compelled to do, yf he had ben in playne lyfe, after suche rate, of the landes and goodes of the sayde Commissioner or Collectour, as the partie shall haue in his hande. And yf the sayde Commissioners for causes reasonable

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them mouyng, shall thynke it not conuenient to ioyne in one Certificat, as is aforesayde: then the sayde person or persons that shall first ioyne together, or he that shall first certifie the sayde wrytyng indented as is aforesayde, shall certifie all the names of the Commissioners of that commission, wherebpon suche wrytynges shall be there then to be certified, with deuision of the Hundredes, wapentakes, wardes, Tythynge, or other places to and among suche Commissioners of the same commission, with the names of the same Commissioners, where suche seperations and deuisions shall be, with the grosse summes of money, aswell of and for the sayde Subsidie, tared or sette of or within the sayde Hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, or other places to hym or them deuided or assigned, that shall so certifie the sayde firste wrytyng, as of the fines, amerciamentes, penalties, or other forsaytures, yf any happen to be within the same limittes, whereof the same wrytynges shall be certified, and after suche wrytyng indented, whiche, as is aforesayde, shall be certified, and not conteyne in it the whole and full summes set and tared within the limittes of the same Commission, the other Commissioners of the same before the daye of payment of the sayde Subsidie, shall certifie into the sayde Exchequer, by theyr wrytyng or wrytynges indented, to be made as is aforesayde, the grosse and seuerall summes, set and tared within the places to them limited for the sayde Subsidie, and other fines, amerciamentes, penalties, and forsaytures, with the names of the Hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, and other places to them assigned, or els by theyr sayde wrytynges indented, to certifie at the same place before the same daye of payment, suche reasonable causes for their excuses, why they may not make suche certificat of and for the sayde Subsidie, fines, amerciamentes, and other forsaytures growyng or set by reason of the causes of their lettes, or of their non certifying as is abouesayde, or els in default thereof processe to be made out of the Queenes maiesties sayde Exchequer, agaynst the sayde Commissioners and euery of them, not making certificat, as is aforesayde, by the discretion of the Treasourer or Barons of the sayde Exchequer.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the inhabitauntes of the parryshe of saint Martin, called Stamforde Baron, in the Suburbes of the Borough and Towne of Stamforde, in the south part of the water there, called wellande, which hereafter shall be contributozie to the payment of this present Subsidie graunted to the Queenes maiestie, her heyres, and successours: shall be assessed, rated, & tared for this tyme by such Commissioners which shall be appoynted for the taryng, ratyng, and lessyng of suche Subsidie or tare, within the countie of Lincolne, and

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and shalbe for this tyme contributozie and paye the sayde Subsidie to the collectour or collectours whiche shalbe assigned and appoynted for the leuying and gatherynge of the same, with the Aldermen and Burgeses of the sayde borough and towne of Stamford.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that al and every person and persons, having manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, chargeable to the payment of the Subsidie graunted to the Queenes maiestie by this Acte, and also having spirituall possessions chargeable to her sayde Maiestie by the graunt made by the Cleargie of this Realme in their conuocation, and ouer this, having substaunce in goodes and cattelles chargeable by this sayde Acte: that then yf any of the sayde person or persons be hereafter charged, assessed, and tared for the sayde manours, landes, tenementes, and spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged, and tared for his or their goodes and cattelles: that then he or they shalbe onely charged by vertue of this Acte for his and their said manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and spirituall possessions, or onely for his saide goodes and cattelles, the best therof to be taken for the Queenes Maiestie, and not to be charged for both, or double charged for any of them: Any thyng in this Acte conteyned to the contrarye, in any wyle notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes that this graunt of Subsidie, nor any thyng therein conteyned, in any wise extende to charge the inhabitaunts or dwellers in Irelande, Jernesey, and Garnesey, or any of them, of, for, or concerning any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattels, or other mouable substaunce, whiche the sayde inhabitautes or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within Irelande, Jernesey, and Garnesey, or in any of them, or of, for, or concerning any fees or wages whiche any of the sayde inhabitautes or dwellers haue of the Queenes maiestie, for their attendaunce and doynge seruice to our Soueraigne Lady in Ireland, Jernesey, and Garnesey, or in any of them: Any thyng in this present Act to the contrary, in any wyle notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this present Act of Subsidie, ne any thyng therein conteyned, extende to any of the Englyshe inhabitautes or restautes in any of the Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the towne of Barwicke, the towne of Newecastle vppon Tyne, and the byshopricke of Durham, nor to any of them, of, for, or concerning any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattelles, or other mouable substaunce, whiche the same inhabitautes or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within the sayd Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, or the towne of Barwicke, the

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Towne of Newcastle vppon Tyne, or the Bishopprieke of Durham, or any of them, or of, for, or concernyng any fees or wages, whiche any of the sayde inhabitauntes or dwellers haue of the Queenes maiestie for their attendaunce and doyng seruice to the Queenes maiestie, for or within the sayde Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vppon Tyne, and the Bishopprieke of Durham, or any of them, to or for the sayde taryng, leuying, gatheryng, or payment: but that the Englyshe inhabitauntes and resiauntes, and euery of them, of the sayd Counties, Bishopprieke, and Townes, and euery of them, shalbe of and from the sayde Subsidie, and euery parcell thereof, and for theyr manours, landes, tenementes, fees, wages, goodes, and cattels, lying and being in the sayd Counties, Townes, and Bishopprieke, or any of them, utterly acquitted and discharged: Any thing in this present Acte before rehearsed to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that all letters patentes graunted by the Queenes maiestie, or any of her moste noble progenitours, to any Cities, Borowghes, or Townes within this Realme, of any maner of liberties, priuileges, or exemptions, from the burden and charge of any suche grauntes of Subsidies, which be at this present tyme in force and payleable, shall remayne good and effectuell to the sayde Cities, Borowghes, and Townes hereafter, accordyng to the purportes therof, though the inhabitauntes of the same, shall vppon the great and wayghtie consideration of the graunt abouesayde, be for this graunt charged and contributozie, in lyke maner, fourme, and sort, as other Cities, Borowghes, and Townes, which be not in any wyse priuileged, but be by this Act charged.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesayde, that no Orphant or Infant within the age of xxi. yeres, borne within any of the Queenes maiesties dominions, shalbe charged to any payment of this Subsidie, for his or her goods and cattels, to hym or her left or bequeathed: Any thyng in this Acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this Acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to the goodes or landes of any Colledge, Hall, or Hostell, within the Uniuersities of Oxforde and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Wynton, founded by Bishop Wylkham, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Eaton next Wyndsoz, or to the landes, tenementes, or reuenues, only assigned or appoynted for the sustentation and lyuynge of the poore Knightes, founded in the castle or colledge of Wyndsoz by our late soueraigne Lorde kyng Henry the eyght, or to any the goodes or cattels of the sayde Knyghtes, or any of them, or to the
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goodes or landes of any common free Grammer Schoole within the Realme of Englande or wales, or to the goodes of any Reader, Schoolemaister, or Scholer, or any graduate resiaunt or remayning for studie, without fraude or couin, within any of the sayde Uniuersities and Colledges, or Townes of Cambridge and Oxforde, or Suburbes of the same, or any of them, or to any theyr seruauntes dayly attendaunt vpon any of them, nor to the goodes of any officer, minister, almesman, or seruauntes belonging to any of the sayd Uniuersities, Colledges, Halls, or Hostelles, and dwelling and resiaunt within the sayde Uniuersities, or eyther of them, or within eyther of the sayde Townes of Cambridge and Oxforde, and Suburbes of the same, without fraude or couin: Nor to the goodes and landes of any Hospitall, Mesondue, or Spittlehouse, prepared and vsed for the sustentation and reliefe of poore people: Any thyng in this Acte contayned to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided also, that the sayde graunt of Subsidie, or any thyng therein contayned, do not in any wyle extende, or be preiudiciall or hurtfull to the inhabitauntes or resiauntes at this present tyme within the fiue Portes corporate, or to any of theyr members incorporate or vnited to the same fiue Portes, or to any of the same fiue Portes, or, or for any part or parcell of the sayd summes graunted in this Parliament, of the sayde inhabitauntes nowe resiaunt, or any of them, to be taxed, set, asked, leued, or payde: But the sayde inhabitauntes and resiauntes in the sayde fiue Portes, and theyr members, be, and shalbe of, and from the sayde graunt and payment of the sayde Subsidie, duryng their resiauncie there, and no longer, clearly acquitted and discharged: Any matter, or whatsoever thyng in this present Acte, had or made to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted, that forasmuche as the inhabitauntes and dwellers within the Counties of Denbrooke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Brecknocke, Glamorgan, Radnour, Mongomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, and Carnaruan, be at this present tyme, charged and chargeable with the paymentes of diuers and severall Subsidies, lately graunted to our late Soueraigne Lady Queene Marie, and to the Queenes highnesse that nowe is, and yet vnpayde:

Be it therefore ordayned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this Acte of Subsidie, or any thyng therein contayned, shall not extende to charge any of the inhabitauntes and dwellers within any of the sayde Counties of Denbrooke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnour, Mongomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, and Carnaruan, with

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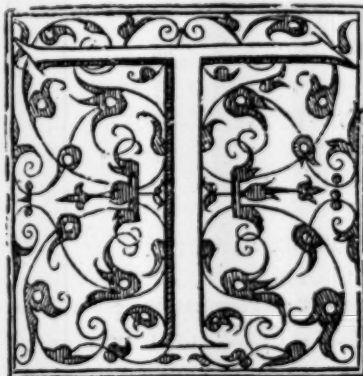
With this present Subsidie, or any of the paymentes therof graunted by this Acte, vntyll the last day for them appoynted for the payment of the last Subsidie, graunted to the Queenes maiestie that nowe is, be fully expired. And that then the fyrst payment of the sayde Subsidie, graunted by this present Acte, shalbe by them made at the receipt of the Queenes Erchequer, at or before the fyrst day of Nouember next folowynge after the sayde last day appoynted for the payment of the last Subsidie. And the seconde payment of this Subsidie, to be made at the sayde receipt of Erchequer, before the first day of June then next folowynge.

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*Maiesties free and generall
pardon.*

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HE Queenes moste excellent
Maiestie, considering the great zeale
and affection, which her louyng and
obedient subiectes beare to her hygh-
nesse, as by manye wayes they haue
declared and shewed from tyme to
tyme, sythens the begynnyng of her
Maiesties raigne, and callyng to her
moste gracious remembraunce into
howe many penalties and daungers
of her Maiesties lawes, sundrie of
her sayde louyng subiectes be fallen,

and couetyng rather their amendementes by gentle and mercifull
meanes, then with seuerer execution of her hyghnesse lawes, to be
enriched by their euyll deedes and offences, and trustyng assured-
lye, that her sayde louyng subiectes wyll continue in their due obe-
dience and louyng heartes towarde her Maiestie, and that they
from hencefoorth wyll endeouour themselves, as obedient subiectes
to lyue accordyng to her hyghnesse lawes: Her Maiestie is there-
fore mercifullly enclyned and moued, to graunt and geue vnto her
sayde louyng subiectes, a generall, free, and beneficiall pardon, and
thereby to delyuer her sayde subiectes from such daungers, penal-
ties, and forfaytures, as through their offences they haue iustly de-
serued. And therefore her Maiestie is well pleased and contented,
that it be enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, in
maner and fourme folowynge.

That is to say, that all and euery of her sayde subiectes (as well
spirituall as temporall) of this her hyghnesse Realme of Englande,
wailes, the Isles of Iernesey and Gernesey, and the towne of Bar-
wyche, the heyres, successours, executors, and administratours of
them and euery of them, and all and singular bodyes in any maner
of wyse corporated, Cities, Borroughes, Shires, Ridynges, Hun-
dredes, Lathes, Rapes, wapentakes, Townes, Wyllages, Ham-
lettes, and Tithynges, and euery of them, and the successour and
successours of euery of them: Shalbe by aucthoritie of this present

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Parliament, acquitted, pardoned, released, and discharged, agaynst the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, successours, and executours, and euery of them, of all maner of treasons, felonies, robberies, offences, contemptes, alienations, trespasses, intrusions, entrees, wronges, deceiptes, misdeameanours, forsaytures, penalties, and summes of money, paynes of death, paynes corporal, and pecuniarie, and generally of all other thynges, causes, quarrelles, suites, iudgdmntes, and executions, in this present Acte hereafter not excepted nor forpyssed, which maye be or can be by her hyghnesse in any wyse or by any meanes pardoned, before and vnto the .xxvi. day of September, in the eyght yere of her most gracious raigne, to euerye or any of her sayde Subiectes, bodyes corporate, Cities, Borowghes, Shires, Rydynges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, wapentakes, Townes, Wyllages, and Tythynges, or any of them.

And also the Queenes hyghnesse is contented, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that her sayde free pardon shalbe as good and effectuell in the lawe, to euery of her sayde Subiectes, bodyes corporate, and other before rehearsed, in and agaynst all thynges, which be not hereafter in this present Acte excepted and forpyssed, as the same pardon shoulde haue ben, yf all offences, contemptes, forsaytures, causes, matters, suites, quarells, iudgementes, executions, penalties, and all other thynges (not hereafter in this Acte excepted and forpyssed) had ben particularly, singulerly, specially, and playnely named, rehearsed, and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes & names, in their kyndes, natures, and qualities, by wordes and tearmes thereunto requisite to haue ben put in, and expresse in this present Acte of free pardon. And that her sayde subiectes, nor any of them, nor the heyres, executours, or administratours of any of them, nor of the sayde bodyes corporate, and others before named and rehearsed, nor any of them, be nor shalbe sued, vexed, or inquieted in their bodyes, goodes, landes, or cattels, for any maner of matter, cause, contempt, misdemeamour, forsayture, trespassse, offence, or any other thyng, suffered, done, or committed before the sayde .xxvi. day of September, agaynst her hyghnesse, her crowne, dignitie, prerogatiue, lawe or statute: But only for such matters, causes, and offences, as be playnely rehearsed in the exceptions of this present Acte hereafter mentioned, and for none other: Any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vsages, or president heretofore had, made, or bled, to the contrarye, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Also the Queenes hyghnesse of her bounteous liberalitie, by auctoritie of this present Parliament, graunteth, and freely geueth to euery of her sayde subiectes, and to euery of the sayd bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, and euer of them, all goodes, cat-

telles,

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telles, debtes, fines, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forsaytures, and summes of money, by any of them forsayted, which to her hyghnes do oꝛ shoulde belong oꝛ appertayne, by reason of any offence, contempt, trespassse, entree, misdemeanour, matter, cause, oꝛ quarell, suffered, done, oꝛ committed by them, oꝛ any of them, before the sayde xxvi. day of September, whiche be not hereafter forepysled and excepted in this present Acte. And that all and euerye the Queenes sayde subiectes, and all and singuler bodieꝝ corporate, and other before rehearsed, may by hym oꝛ them selfe, oꝛ by his oꝛ their deputie oꝛ deputies, oꝛ by his oꝛ their atturney oꝛ atturneys, accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, pleade and minister this present Acte of free pardon, for his oꝛ their discharge, of and for euery thyng that is by vertue of this present Acte pardoned, discharged, geuen, oꝛ graunted, without any fee oꝛ other thyng in any wyse paying to any person oꝛ persons, for writyng oꝛ entrie of the iudgement, oꝛ other cause concernyng such plea, writyng, oꝛ entrie, but only. xvi. d. to be payde to the officer oꝛ Clarke that shall enter the plea, matter, oꝛ iudgement for the parties discharge in that behalfe: Any statute, blage, oꝛ custome to the contrarie, notwithstanding.

And furthermore, the Queenes hyghnesse is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by thauthozitie of this present Parliament, that her sayde free pardon, by the generall wordes before rehearsed, shalbe reputed, deemed, adiudged, alowed and taken in all maner of courtes of her hyghnesse, and elswhere, as well in the wordes and clauses of the exceptions and forepyses specified in this present Act, as in all and singuler other clauses, wordes, and sentences, mentioned and rehearsed in the sayde free pardon, most beneficiallye and auaylably to all and singuler her sayde subiectes, bodyes corporate, and others before rehearsed, and to euery of them, and most strongly in barre and discharge agaynst her hyghnes, her heyres, successors, and executors, in euery thyng, without any ambiguitie, question, oꝛ other delay whatsoeuer it shalbe, to be made, pleaded, oꝛ aleaged by the Queene our soueraigne Ladye, her heyres, successors, oꝛ executors, oꝛ by her oꝛ any of their generall atturney oꝛ atturneys, oꝛ by any person oꝛ persons, for her hyghnesse, oꝛ any of her heyres, successors, oꝛ executors.

And further it is enacted by the Queene our soueraigne Ladye, and by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that yf any officer oꝛ Clarke of any of her hyghnesse courtes, commonlye called the kynges Benche, Chauncerie, and Common place, oꝛ of her Exchequer, oꝛ any other officer oꝛ Clarke of any other of her courtes within this Realme, at any tyme after the last day of this present moneth of December, make out oꝛ write out any maner of writtes oꝛ other processe, oꝛ any extreates, summons, oꝛ other preceptes, where-

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by any of the sayde Subiectes, or any of the sayde bodies corporate, or other before rehearsed, or any of them, shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distrayned, summoned, or other wyse bered, inquieted, or greued, in his or their bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes, or cattels, or in any of them, for or because of any maner thyng pardoned or discharged by vertue of this Acte of free pardon: or yf any Sherriffe or Escheatour, or any of their deputie or deputies, or any Bayliffe or other officer, by colour of his or their office, or otherwayes, after the sayde last day of December, do leuie, receaue, or take any thyng pardoned or discharged by this Act: that then euery such person so offending, and thereof lawfully condemned, shal be peelde and pay for recompence therof to the partie so greued or offended, treble damages, besydes all costes of the suite: And neuerthelesse, all and singuler such wittes, processe, ertreates, and preceptes so to be made, for or vpon any maner of thing pardoned or discharged by this present Act of free pardon, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effect.

Except and alwayes forpyssed out of this generall and free pardon, all and all maner of hygh treason, committed or done by any person or persons, by any ouert deede or acte, agaynst the Queenes most royall person, and all conspiracies and confederacies trayterously had, committed, or done by any person or persons agaynst the Queenes person. And also excepted all and all maner of treasons, committed or done by any person or persons in the parties beyonde the Sea, or in any other place out of the Queenes dominions: And all suites, punishmentes, executions, and paynes of death, forfaytures and penalties, for or by reason or occasion of any of the treasons and offences before excepted. And also excepted and forpyssed out of this generall and free pardon, all and euery piracie and robbery done vpon the Sea, and all maner of voluntary murders and wyllfull poysonynges, and all and euery robbery done vpon any person or persons in any dwellyng house or houses in the day tyme. And all felonious takyng of any money or bullion out of the house of treasure or receipt within the Towre of London, and all robberies done vpon or to any mans or womans person in the high way, or els where, and all and singuler accessaries, of or to any of the sayde offences. And also all rapes and carnall rauishmentes of women. And all wyllfull escapes (aswell) of traytours and felons (as also) of Clarkes attaynted. And also excepted out of this generall and free pardon, all persons attaynted or outlawed for any treason, murder, or robbery. And also (excepted) all and euery maner of takyng from the Queene of any goodes or cattels, or the issues, rentes, reuenues, or profites of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of any traytour, murderer, felon, Clarke or Clarkes, beyng persons attaynted, outlawed, or fugitiues, or any of them. And also all goodes

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goodes and cattels forsayted to the Queenes Maiestie, by reason of any felonie heretofore committed. And also excepted out of this pardon, all maner of intrusions, had, made, or done, by any person or persons, in or vpon any manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, of our soueraigne Ladye the Queene, and the takyng of any the issues and profites of the same landes or tenementes of our sayde saueraigne Ladye, and also all suites and impetitions for the same. And (excepted) also all wassettes committed or done in any of the Queenes wardes landes, or in the wardes landes of any the Queenes committes. And also all and euery fine and fines, for the single and double value of the maryage or maryages of all and euery the Queenes wardes, at any tyme growen to the Queenes Maiestie, or any her noble progenitours. And also all and euery concealement of any custome or Subsidie. And all and singuler accomptes of all and euery collectour and collectours of any Subsidie, ffysteene, Beneuolence, Wythe, or contribution: And of euery other person whatsoever, that ought to be accomptaunt to the Queenes hyghnesse, or to her most noble father kyng Henrie the eyght, or to kyng Edward the sixt, or to Queene Marie, or to any of them, and the heyres, executors, and administratours of euery such accomptaunt. And all and singuler arrerages of accomptes. And all vnttrue accomptes, and all impetitions, suites, demaundes, and executions, which can or may be had of or for any accompt or accomptes, or any arrerages of the same. And also (excepted) all inclosures and decayes of houses of husbandry, and the conuerting of any land from tillage to pasture, made, done, committed, or permitted, contrary to the fourme and effect of any statute or statutes heretofore made. And also excepted and forpyssed out of this free pardon, all issues, fines, and amerciamentes, assayed, taxed, set, extreated or entred, seuerally or particularly, touchyng or concerning any person or persons. And also excepted and forpyssed out of this free pardon, all and all maner of deceiptes and offences of all and singuler monyers, and other officers, minters, or workmen, of or in any of the Queenes Maiesties minter within this Realme, or any other her dominions, and all impetitions and punishmentes for the same. And also excepted out of this generall and free pardon, all rauishmentes and wrongfull takyng and withholdyng of any the Queenes wardes, or wardes landes, at any tyme cummen and growen to the Queenes handes, or that ought to come or be to the Queenes Maiestie, and that yet is not discharged. And also (excepted) all titles and actions of Quare impedit, and all Homages, reliefe and reliefes, rentes seruices, rentes charges, rentes seches, and the arrerages of the same, not done or payde to the Queenes hyghnesse. And also excepted, all summes of money graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, or to any her noble progenitours,

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genitours, by way or meanes of Subsidie, fiftene, beneuolence, or contribution, or by any of the same wayes or meanes. And also all debtes, which were or be due to our soueraigne Ladye the Queene, or to the most noble kyng of famous memorie kyng Henry the seventh, or to kyng Henry the eyght, kyng Edward the sixth, or to the late Queene Marie, or to any person or persons to any of their bles, by any condemnation, recognisaunce, obligation, or other wyse, other then suche as are due vppon any obligation or recognisaunce, forsayte before the sayde. xxvi. day of September, for non apparunce in any court, or other place, or for not keeping of the peace, or not being of good behauiour. And also excepted and forspised out of this pardon, all and singuler forsaytures being due or accrued to our soueraigne Ladye the Queene, by any penaltie of any Acte, statute, or statutes, which forsaytures be conuerted into the nature of debt, by iudgement, or by the agreement of the offender or offendours, or els whereof there is any verdict past for the Queene. And also excepted all forsaytures and other penalties and profites, growen or due to the Queene, by reason of any offence, contempt, or other Acte, had, suffered, committed or done contrary to any act, statute or statutes, or contrary to the common lawe, whereof any action, byll, playnt, or information is sued, exhibite or depending in the Queenes Exchequer, or in the courtes commonly called the kynges Benche, and the Common place, or before the counsell in the Starre chaumber, or whereof the Queenes hyghnes by her byll signed, or other wyse, heretofore hath made any gyft or assignement to any person or persons. And also excepted and forspised out of this generall and free pardon, all such persons, as the. xiiii. day of this present moneth of December, in the. fr. yere of her Maiesties raigne, be in prison within the Towre of London, or in the prison of the Marshalsey, or in the flete, and all persons put to execution before the sayde. xiiii. day of December. And also excepted out of this free pardon, all offences of forgyng or counterfaytyng of any false deedes, escriptes, or writings, and all procuryng or concealyng of any such counterfaytyng or forgyng to be had or made. And also excepted all penalties, forsaytures, & titles of condition, accrued or growen to the Queenes Maiestie by reason of the breach or not perfourmyng of any couenaunt or condition. And also excepted out of this generall and free pardon, al and euery such person & persons which sithens the begynnyng of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, haue fled out of this Realme of England, or any other the Queenes dominions, for any offence of hygh treason, petie treason, or misprision of treason. And also excepted out of this pardon, all and euery offence and offences, touchyng or concernyng the carying, sendyng, or conuerting ouer the Sea, or out of this Realme, of any golde, syluer, iewels, or any coyne of golde, or syluer, contrarie to

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to the lawes or statutes of this Realme, vnlesse it were, or be by the Queenes licence. And also except, all such persons as be fled and gone out of this Realme, contrary to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, without the Queenes Maiesties licence. And also all such persons as haue obtayned & had licence to depart the Realme for a tyme, and now do abyde out of the Realme, without any lawfull excuse, after the tyme of their licence expired.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament that all and every person and persons, which haue tendered or ought to sue liuerie out of our sayde Soueraigne Ladye the Queenes handes, of, or for any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whatsoever they be, shal sue his or their liuerie & liueries, out of our sayde Soueraigne Ladye the Queenes handes, or his or their manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, in like maner and fourme, as they and every of them should or ought to haue done, yt this Acte had neuer ben had ne made: Any article, thyng or thynges in this present Acte of generall and free pardon, compysed and specified to the contrary, notwithstanding. And also except out of this free pardon, all offences committed or done by any person or persons, whereof the correction and punishment doth appertayne to the order and iudgement of any ecclesiasticall Judge or court. And also except out of this pardon, all offences of coniurations, witchcraftes, inchauntmentes, and sorceries, committed or done contrary to the lawes and statutes of this Realme.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that it shalbe lawfull to all and every Clarke, and other officer of any the Queenes courtes, to awarde and make writtes of Capias vt legatum at the suite of the partie plaintife, agaynst such persons outlawed, as be pardoned by this Acte, to the intent to compell the defendaunt and defendantes to make aunswere to the plaintife or plaintiffes, at whose suite he or they were outlawed. And that every person so outlawed shal sue a writ of Scire facias, agaynst the partie or parties at whose suite he or they wer so outlawed, before this pardon in that behalfe shalbe allowed to hym that so is outlawed. And also excepted out of this free pardon, all and every such person & persons, as before the sayde, xxiii. day of December, haue ben committed to the custodie and safe keepyng of any other person or persons, out of any ordinarie prison, by the Queenes Maiesties expresse order and commaundement, and which now be remaynyng and continuynge in such custodie and keepyng. And also except
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out of this pardon, all felonious taking of any money, plate, bullion, or other thyng out of any part of the Queenes Maiesties house or court, where her hyghnesse is nowe resident, or where heretofore her Maiestie hath ben resident. And also except all forgyng and counterfaytyng of any money or coyne, curraunt within this Realme. And also except out of this generall and free pardon, one Henrie Jackson, late of Martin College in Oxforde.

God saue the Queene.

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by the grace of God, of Englande, (1571)

Fraunce, and Ireland Queene,

defendour of the fayth, &c.

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